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Durban Riots 'Caused By European 'Incitement'

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MALAN GOVERNMENT

Indians Stigmatised As Foreign Elements

DR. LOWEN PRESENTS INDIAN & AFRICAN CONGRESS CASE BEFORE INQUIRY COMMISSION

"Attack On African Youth And Over-Charging At Indian Shops, Not The Cause Of Disturbances": Commission Rejects Plea For Cross-Examination

DURBAN, Feb. 17 (P.T.I.-REUTER): Europeans incited South Africa's recent race riots, Dr. G. S. Lowen, jointly representing the South African Indian Congress and the African National Congress, alleged at today's opening session of the riot enquiry. He said the Malan Government by "stigmatising Indians as foreign elements" had caused "a certain feeling among certain people which these people could best show by attacks".

INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE

"We intend to establish that during the riots a section of the European community, by their behaviour, either passively encouraged or actively incited Africans to violence". Dr. Lowen added.

"ALLOW CROSS-EXAMINATION"

Dr. Lowen submitted that the root causes of the riots could only be brought out by cross-examination and appealed to the Inquiry Commission to allow this.

The chairman, Justice F. P. Van Den Heever, refused the application and they granted an adjournment until tomorrow to enable Dr. Lowen to consult his clients.

Dr. Lowen said the riots in which over 120 Africans and Indians died, were caused not so much by antagonism between both sides as by the "deeper causes".

NO MOVEMENT AGAINST INDIANS

"It will be conceded there may have been certain grievances among certain Africans against certain Indians, he said, "but we intend to disprove there was at any stage a movement afoot on the part of Africans as a whole against Indians as a whole and any evidence which may be led by anyone to prove such a movement will have to be tested. "We submit this can be done only by cross-examination".

"We intend to disprove that Africans as a whole were hostile towards Indians as a whole during the riots and we shall prove that in many instances Africans sacrificed their lives for Indians," Dr. Lowen said.

"We intend to establish that during the riots a section of the European community, by their behaviour, either passively encouraged or actively incited Africans to violence.

NEGLIGENCE OF AUTHORITIES

"We would like to test the correctness of the opinion which has been formed that the authorities if they had been firmly determined to suppress the riots at the beginning and if they had been determined to succeed in such suppression at the beginning, would have succeeded.

WHAT INDIANS WANT TO PROVE

Dr. Lowen continued: "I submit that this Commission will not get at the root of the evil and at the truth without cross-examination.

"The South African Indian Congress and the African National Congress are most interested, that this Commission should find that the riots were not the result of some assault as has been said, or black marketing or overcharging, but that the causes lie far deeper"

He wanted to prove that:—

1. An attack on an African youth was not the cause of the riots.
2. The alleged overcharging of certain Africans by certain Indians was not the cause.
3. Whatever overcharging took place was not worse than any overcharging by European traders against whom Africans did not riot and whose property was undamaged."
4. That the horrible slum conditions of Indians and Africans was a basic cause of the riots.
5. That racial antagonism, racial hostility and racial hatred had been "propagated for years" by the previous Government and had been "continued by the present Government ever since."
6. That statements made during the recent election of Senators to represent Africans "may very well have led if they did not in fact lead, to riots."

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INDIANS LOSE ONE MILLION POUNDS IN DURBAN RIOTS

DURBAN, Feb. 17 (UPI)—According to a rough estimate prepared by the Natal Indian Congress, the total damage to Indian property during the recent communal riots in Durban amounted to one million pounds.

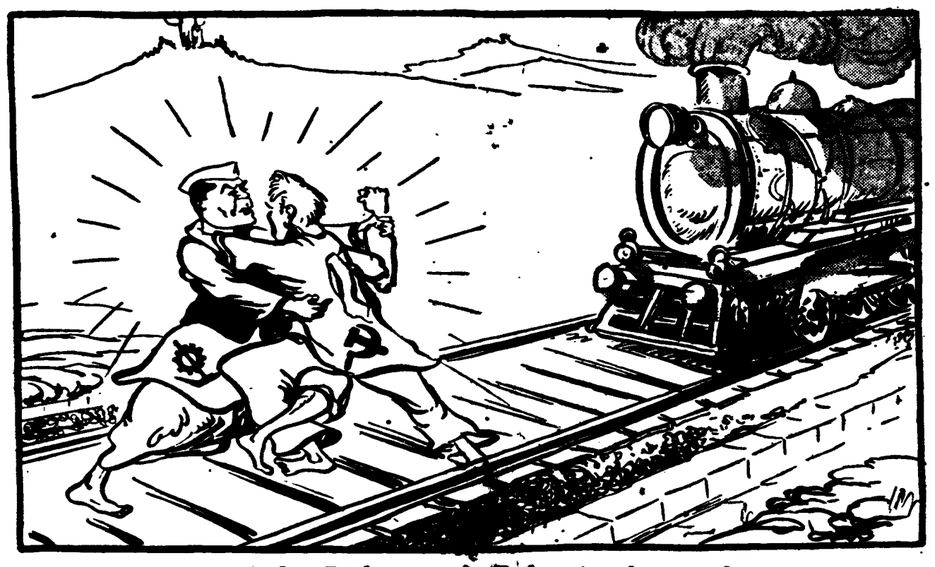
India's Pressure On South Africa

MALAN'S GRIEVANCE

CAPETOWN, Feb. 17 (PTI—Reuter)—Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, said here today that he thought some powers were urging United Nations control over South-West Africa through "motives not purely concerned with the interests of the native peoples."

Speaking at the second reading of the South-West Africa Affairs (Amendment) Bill, he stated that "tremendous pressure"—mainly from India, Russia and Eastern European countries—had been brought to bear on South Africa to transfer the territory's administration. He thought his predecessor as Prime Minister, General Smuts, and South African representatives at the United Nations had the same impression of their motives.

SHOOING THEM OFF THE LINES



The Council of the All India Railwaymen's Federation has condemned the action of Communist Unions and has disaffiliated them.

KASHMIR MISSION FOR DELHI

To Have Talks With India Government And U. N. Commission

JAMMU, Feb. 17 (API)—A Kashmir Government delegation led by Sheikh Mohammad Abdulla, Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir State, will leave for Delhi on February 20 for consultation with the Government of India.

The delegation during its five-day stay in Delhi will also meet the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan and appraise the Commission of the situation in the State since the cease fire.

The delegation will include Bakshi Ghulam Mohd. Deputy Prime Minister and Mirza Afzal Beg, Revenue Minister.

"Quit Kashmir" Echo

SRINAGAR, Feb. 17 (API)—The Jammu and Kashmir Government, it is learnt have passed orders for the refunding of fines realised from the people during the 'Quit Kashmir' movement of 1946.

India Criticises E.C.A.F.E.

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 17. (PTI-Reuter): India today criticised the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for not having made enough progress in its work.

Mr. B. R. Sen told the Economic and Social Council that while the Economic Commission for Europe had already done considerable practical work, ECAFE had so far confined itself to study and research.

Mr. Sen said "The report of the Industrial Development Working Party set up by ECAFE contains much valuable material regarding industrial development plans but the recommendation part of the report is couched in altogether general terms.

3,000 AIR INDIA EMPLOYEES DOWN TOOLS AT MIDNIGHT

Demand For Revision Of Pay And 40-Hour Week: Company Cancels Internal Services From Today

BOMBAY, Thursday: In response to a call from their Union, the employees of Air India Ltd., numbering about 3,000, struck work at mid-night today.

"The strike is for an indefinite period, pending redressal of their grievances" said a spokesman of the employees.

The Air India Ltd., tonight announced an indefinite suspension of all their internal air services with effect from tomorrow (Friday).

BOMBAY-LONDON FLIGHTS TO CONTINUE

An official spokesman of the Airline confirmed that the Bombay-London bi-weekly flight would be maintained according to schedule.

The general body of the Employees Union, whose membership consists of subordinate and maintenance staff drawing a salary of less than Rs. 300 per month, at its meeting tonight rejected the conciliation proceedings initiated by the Provincial Labour Commissioner. The Union decided on an indifinite strike, pending the redress of their grievances.

UNION DEMANDS

Their demands include an increase in dearness allowance, revision of grades of pay and a 40-hour week.

FIRST AIR STRIKE

The strike, which is the first of its kind in India's aviation history to paralyse the operations of an internal airline, was officially described as illegal under the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act and the Bombay Essential Services Act.

Representatives of the Union who met officials of Air India in the presence of the Labour Commissioner this evening for settlement of the disputes, were informed that a strike at this stage of negotiation was not a lawful act.

STRONG POLICE PICKETS

As the decision to strike by the Union became known, strong pickets of armed police surrounded important installations at Santa Cruz airport, while a fire-fighting squad stood by to meet any emergency. The offices of the Airline in the Fort area were also guarded by the police.

The spokesman of the Airline stated that in May 1948, an agreement was reached with the Union on the points at issue which was "binding on both the parties for a reasonable period of years". Under that agreement the management of Air India granted an increase in the dearness allowance with effect from January 1949 according to grades of pay of the staff.

Efforts are being made by the airline to run a skeleton service to avoid continued inconvenience to the public. The spokesman said that the decision of the Union to go on strike and the consequent suspension of air services has been communicated officially to the Director-General of Civil Aviation, and the Air Transport Licensing Board.

Dispute For Adjudication

LABOUR MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Two hours after Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Bombay's Labour Minister, announced that orders would be issued tomorrow referring the dispute between Air India Limited and its employees to adjudication under the Industrial Disputes Act.

Mr. Nanda said that he had issued instructions to Police Officers guarding the International Airport at Santa Cruz to convey to the workers the decision of Government to refer their demands to an Adjudication Tribunal. The workers would also be advised against "staying out or not going to work" as it would not be in their interests to go ahead with their strike decision in the face of an Adjudication machinery being set up by Government.

The strike does not affect pilots, ground engineers or traffic personnel.

MALAYA-SIAM BORDER CLOSED

Emergency Measure To Combat 'Red' Menace

BANGKOK, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter): A state of emergency is to be proclaimed in Siam within the next 24 hours "to combat the growing Communist menace", Siamese Prime Minister, Pibul Songkram announced today.

Marshal Songkram added that Siam had agreed to the British Government's request to seal the Siam-Malaya frontier, scene of large-scale anti-Communist operations in the past few days.

The emergency measure was intended, he said, to combat the growing Communist threat to Siam from latest developments in neighbouring countries.

The countries bordering Siam are Malaya, Indo-China and Burma.

A U.P.A. message adds: The Government today closed the Malaya-Siam border and prepared strong action to combat Communist propaganda and infiltration.

Bombay Assembly Session Opens In City Today

EIGHT GOVERNMENT BILLS FIGURE ON AGENDA

BOMBAY, FRIDAY.

THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WILL MEET AT 2 P.M. TODAY. ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ARE REACHING THE CITY FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PROVINCE.

Though the House consists of 171 members, it is not expected that more than 50 to 60 per cent of them will be present on the opening day. In spite of a weak opposition, some lively discussions are anticipated on account of the interesting nature of certain Bills, which will come before the House.

The Bill to provide for the administration of Evacuees' Property in the Province of Bombay, which will come up for consideration, has been necessitated by some persons residing in the Province having left and gone away on account of civil disturbances, the fear of such disturbances or the partition of the country. The Bill provides for the management, preservation and supervision of such properties in business, and for the appointment of a custodian in whom shall be vested all evacuees' properties situated in the Province.

TIGHTENING UP PROHIBITION

The Bill to Amend and Consolidate the Law Relating to Prohibition, removes the lacunae in the Bombay Abkari Act and brings within the orbit of the Act, many offences which went unpunished under the law. The Bill intensifies the punishment, where existing punishment was regarded as inadequate. Relevant provision of the Opium Act of 1878 in the Bombay Molasses Act of 1947 are incorporated in the Bill.

The Bombay Anatomy Bill provides for the supply of unclaimed bodies from the city hospitals to the medical institutions of the Province for anatomical and dissection purposes. According to the existing provisions members

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Passenger Train Derailed

GORAKHPORE, Feb. 17 (API): The engine of 35 Up passenger train was derailed between Gulaibhoj and Bazpur on the O.T.R. at 5 p.m. yesterday. No casualties were reported.

Socialists Carry Day Against Rail Strike

FEDERATION COUNCIL STAYS ACTION ON BALLOT

Communist-Led Unions Expelled

PATNA, Feb. 17, (A.P.I.): The threat of a general strike on Indian Railways in March has been averted. The Council of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation after four hours' deliberations today decided to "stay action on the strike ballot results" and to await the result of further discussions with India's Ministry of Railways to secure "a fair and just settlement".

VICTORY FOR SOCIALISTS

The voting—123 for and only 10 against the resolution—signified a clear victory for the Socialists led by the Federation President Mr. Jai Prakash Narain against the Communists, who had charged him with "betrayal" of railwaymen. Mr. Jai Prakash Narain answering the charge in his presidential address yesterday called upon the Council to give a clear verdict on his leadership, which he obtained today by an overwhelming majority.

The Communist-led Unions, namely the South Indian Railway Labour Union, the B.B. and C.I. Railwaymen's Union and the G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union, abstained from the session this morning, having staged a walkout yesterday.

The resolution, moved by Mr. P. C Das Gupta, representing the E.I.R Union, stated:

"This Council congratulates the railwaymen throughout India on having enthusiastically participated in the strike ballot, inspite of all obstacles, on the issues contained in the Lillooah resolution.

"This Council considers that the discussions of the President of the Federation with the Ministry of Railways reveals a change in the attitude of the Government as evidenced in their readiness to reconsider their decision on the basis of certain formulae in respect of the demands contained in the Lillooah resolution.

WORKERS HARD HIT

"While workers having small families have been benefited by the concessions to exercise individual option in the new dearness relief scheme, this Council views with grave concern the plight of thousands of railwaymen, who have been hard hit by the reduction of benefits in violation of the agreement with the Federation and, therefore, considers that it must reserve to itself the right to take appropriate action against the breach of agreement committed by the Government in this behalf.

"This Council notes that the position of the Indian States Railways is under the examination of a Special Committee and a favourable decision is likely in the course of the next few months.

DOOR OPEN FOR SETTLEMENT

"In view of the altered circumstances affecting the three resolutions of the Federation after the Nagpur meeting and pending the completion of negotiations in this behalf, and consistent with the policy of the Federation to exhaust all avenues for an honourable settlement, and to avoid precipitating a crisis, this Council resolves to stay action on the ballot results and await the results of further discussions for the purpose of securing a fair and just settlement of the present dispute".

AMENDMENTS LOST

The Council rejected two amendments moved by Mr. K. N. Joglekar and Mr. Sunil Bhattacharya, supporting the strike. Mr. Joglekar's amendment sought, if the Government did not restore "status quo" in regard to dearness allowance and grain concession, strike notice should be served by March 15, while Mr. Bhattacharya contemplated giving notice on March 3 and commencing the strike on April 2.

Both the amendments were opposed by Mr. Shibnath Banerjee who said "railwaymen cannot play with strike notice". It would not enhance their prestige.

Both the amendments were lost by an overwhelming majority. Many other amendments were either lost or withdrawn. The main resolution was passed by 123 votes to 10.

Communist-Dominated Unions Expelled

The General Council of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation met in a calmer atmosphere at Khagaul (Dinapore) this morning, and at the outset, decided to take disciplinary action against certain offending Unions and expelled them from the Federation.

The Unions concerned are the S. I. Railway Labour Union, the B. B. & C. I. Railwaymen's Union and the G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union, which held a separate convention in Calcutta recently and decided in favour of a strike notice before the Federation, to which all these Unions are affiliated, had taken a decision on this important issue. No representatives on behalf of these Unions were present at the meeting to offer an explanation as demanded by the Council the previous day.

There was hardly any opposition when the Council decided to expel these "Communist-dominated" unions from the Federation as Communists in a body staged a walk-out yesterday and did not attend the Council session this morning.

MALICIOUS PROPAGANDA

The resolution condemned strongly these three unions for the persistent and malicious propaganda carried on by them against the office-bearers of the Federation, who, in terms of the mandate of the Nagpur resolution, negotiated with the Government on the demand of the Federation and considered that the decision of these unions to serve independent strike notice, not authorised by the Federation, was an act of disloyalty and injurious to the interests of railwaymen and was calculated to disrupt the solidarity of the Federation.

The Council also took disciplinary action against Mr. Jyoti Basu, Vice-President, Mr. Satyan Ganguli, Mr. T. Arumugam, Mr. Kumaran and Mr. Moniz.

Tirth-Desai Talks Fail

HYDERABAD DISPUTE TO BE REFERRED TO SARDAR

HYDERABAD, Feb. 17 (UPI)—The two-week old negotiations between Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress, and Mr. Janardhan Rao Desai, leader of the dissident group, initiated after their joint statement issued from Delhi, have broken down, it was stated today. The dispute will now be referred to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Mr. Desai had a two hour meeting with Swamiji last night when, it is understood, Swamiji expressed his helplessness to concede his demands.

DESAI'S DEMANDS

According to a member of the State Congress Working Committee, Mr. Desai raised a fundamental issue, when he insisted on the 'de facto' recognition of his organisation, and further wanted that any compromise should be as between two independent organisations.

He is further stated to have insisted on his original demand for part in the Working Committee or the purge of the Marxist elements.

Swamiji as has been reported earlier, was ready to offer four seats on the Working Committee and adjust the dissidents as far as possible in organisational set-up without impending its smooth functioning.

Jagirdars Call On Chaudhury

SECUNDERABAD, Feb. 17, (U. P. I.): A deputation on behalf of the Jagirdars of the Hyderabad State met the military Governor today and discussed with him, for over two hours, questions relating to the draft Hyderabad Jagir Administration Regulations.

FATE OF NON-MUSLIM REFUGEES IN DRAS

Grave Concern Felt In Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Feb. 17 (UPI): Grave concern is felt in Kashmir, consequent upon intimations received here lately from the International Red Cross, over the fate of a large number of non-Muslim refugees, including women and children at Dras, in Ladakh Valley which was under enemy occupation till November last.

Interested parties in Kashmir had sought help of the Red Cross in locating and evacuating these non-Muslims but the Red Cross believes them to be missing.

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CORRECTION

NOTICE CALLING FOR "CHIT TENDERS".

In the advertisement calling for the 'Chit Tenders' which appeared in the issue of the 'Bombay Chronicle", dated 10th, 12th and 14th February, on page 2, the date for receiving tenders is wrongly quoted as 24-5-49. It should be read as 24-3-49.

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Alnawar	450	

2. One twelfth (1/12) of the above quantity should be delivered monthly.

3. Tender and specification forms are obtainable TILL 12 NOON OF 5TH MARCH, 1949, from the Officer-in-charge on payment of Rs. 3/- (not refundable) per set.

4. Tender should be submitted separately for each station.

5. Tenders are to be submitted NOT LATER THAN 12 NOON OF 7TH MARCH 1949.

6. The Administration reserve the right to reject without assigning reasons, any or every tender.

P. A. F. CORY.
Chief Operating Supdt.

Madras, 10-2-1949. 3375

WANTED

A LECTURER in Russian for the School of Foreign Languages, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, New Delhi. Pay according to qualifications and experience. Candidates must possess a sound knowledge of the Russian Language, hold a good degree or diploma in it and should, preferably, have teaching experience. Applications stating nationality, age, qualifications, experience and salary expected should reach the undersigned on or before the 25th February, 1949. The appointment will be temporary for one year in the first instance.

P. N. BANERJEA,
Director,
School of Foreign Languages,
Ministry of Defence,
"F" Block, Room No. 368,
NEW DELHI.

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NOTICE

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the Imperial Bank of India will be held at the Local Head Office of the Bank, Apollo Street, Bombay, on Monday, the 18th April 1949, at 3-30 P.M. (Standard Time), for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the subjoined special Resolution, namely:—

"RESOLVED that, in response to the appeal for subscriptions to the Gandhi National Memorial Fund, the Directors be authorised, on behalf of the Bank, to make a contribution or contributions to that Fund not exceeding Rs. 6,15,000/- in the aggregate either in one sum or by instalments".

By Order of the Central Board,
V. N. CHANDAVARKAR,
Director.
A.L. HUTSON,
Director.
A. R. CHISHOLM,
Managing Director.

Dated Bombay, the 4th February, 1949.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

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G.I.P. RAILWAY

AUCTION SALE NOTICE.

THE ASSISTANT CONTROLLER of Grainshops, Bombay notifies that an auction sale of empties and condemned articles will be held at 12 hrs. on 24-2-1949 at Thana and at 12 hrs. on 25-2-49 at Kalyan. The conditions governing the auction can be obtained from the office of the Asst. Controller of Grainshops, Bombay on request.

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THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED, BOMBAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank, Oriental Buildings, Bombay, on THURSDAY, the 17th March, 1949, at 4 p.m. (Standard Time):-

(1) To receive the Report of the Directors and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948,
(2) To declare a dividend,
(3) To elect Directors in place of those retiring, and
(4) To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

NOTICE is also hereby given that at the same meeting the subjoined Resolution is intended to be proposed as a Special Resolution:-

RESOLUTION:—

That Articles 12 and 115 of the Articles of Association of the Bank of India Limited be and are hereby altered in the manner following:-

(a) For existing Article 12, which reads as follows:—

12. The certificates of title to shares shall be signed by two Directors and countersigned by the Manager or some other person appointed by the Directors,

The following BE SUBSTITUTED:-

12. Every certificate of title to shares shall be issued under the common seal of the Company and shall be signed by one Director and shall be countersigned by the General Manager or by some other officer of the Company authorised in that behalf by the Directors.

(b) For existing Article 115, which reads as follows:-

115. The Directors shall provide for the safe custody of the seal, and the seal shall never be used except by the authority of the Directors, or a committee of the Directors, previously given and in the present of two Directors at the least, who shall sign every instrument to which the seal is affixed and every such instrument shall be countersigned by the Manager or some other person appointed by the Directors,

the following BE SUBSTITUTED:-

115. The Directors shall provide for the safe custody of the seal, and the seal shall never be used except by the authority of the Directors, or a committee of the Directors, previously given and every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by one Director and shall be countersigned by the General Manager or by some other officer of the Company authorised in that behalf by the Directors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 11th March, 1949 to Friday, the 25th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. C. CLARKE,
Bombay, 21st January, 1949.
A. C. CLARKE,
General Manager.
The Bank of India Ltd.
Bombay, 21st January, 1949.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY.

CANCELLATION OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

To assist movement of Goods traffic for the Famine areas in Gujerat, the following passenger trains will be cancelled with effect from Saturday, the 19th February, 1949, until further notice:—

Nos. 13 Down and 14 Up Passenger between Bulsar and Ahmedabad.
Nos. 37 Down and 38 Up Passenger between Anand and Nadiad.

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G.I.P. RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

THE GENERAL MANAGER, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay invites sealed tenders upto 3-00 P.M. (S.T.) on 28-3-49 for earthwork and bridges etc., involved in the construction of New Down Main Line between Budni and Barkhera on Bhopal-Itarsi section.

(i) Between Chainages 24000 and 38500 and (ii) Between Chainages 40450 and 61600.

Forms of tender and schedules of quantities and conditions of contract for each of the above sections can be obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer, G.I.P. Rly., Bombay on payment of Rs.2/- per set.

Plans for the above works will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 5/- per set in case of each section, being made. These sums will not be refunded.

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M. & S. M. RAILWAY

TENDER.

I. The Chief Engineer invites sealed tenders for the maintenance of the following sections on the Metre Gauge system of this Railway:—

(i) From Portuguese Frontier (mile 51.04) to Mormugao on the Portuguese Territory including the Harbour comprising Castle Rock (Portuguese Territory), Sanvordem and Vascodagama Sections.
(ii) From Londa to Portuguese Frontier (mile 51.04) comprising Castle Rock (Indian Union).

II. The whole length as above will be allotted to one Contractor, but separate agreements will be necessary for British and Portuguese territories.

III. Tenders should be submitted in the prescribed form which can be obtained on application to the Chief Engineer, M. & S. M. Railway, Madras, on payment of Rs. 10/- for the whole length which will not be refundable.

IV. The tenders should be superscribed "MAINTENANCE CONTRACT—MORMUGAO DISTRICT" and sent so as to reach the Chief Engineer, M. & S. M. Railway, Park Town, Madras, not later than 12 Noon on Thursday the 10th March, 1949. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 2000/-.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of a Nursing Sister in the Willingdon Nursing Home in the grade of Rs. 150-10-200-15-260 plus usual allowances viz. 50 p. m. Dearness allowance, Rs. 50/- p.m. Messing allowance, Rs. 10/- p.m. City allowance and Rs. 15/- p.m. uniform and dhobi allowance. The applicants must state their age, experience and qualifications. Application together with copies of testimonials should reach the Superintendent, Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi by the 28th February, 1949.

The selected candidates will be interviewed at their own expenses.

(Sd.) ... ...
for Superintendent,
Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

Petition No. 697 of 1948.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of Amulmal Totamal, a merchant, a widower residing in Sukkur (Pakistan), Hindu Inhabitant. ..... Deceased.

KHERAJMAL AMULMAL, who of Sukkur (Pakistan), now of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, now residing at Barrack No. 6, Mulund Camp, Mulund, G.I.P. Railway ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Mahommedali Currim Chagla, Esquire, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine and in the Thirteenth year of our Reign.

A. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary and Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

A. R. NARAYAN IYER,
Sealer.

The 11th day of February, 1949.

Messrs. CAMA & JAYAKAR,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY—TENDER

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, B.B. & C.I. Rly., Jacob Circle, Mahalaxmi, Bombay No. 11 invites tenders for the supply of 700,000 Sqr. ft. Bamboo Matting size 6'-0" x 4'-0" approx. returnable on 1st March, 1949.

Tender copies can be had free on application. Firms not on the Railway's approved list should give their Banker's reference.

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AUCTION SALES

DISPOSALS AUCTION

AUCTION SALE of Oil Engines, Springs, Deisel Compressors, Pneumatic Tools, Cable, big lots of Nuts, Bolts and Rivets, etc., by order of the Regional Disposals Commissioner, on 23rd February, at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) at No. 2 B.P. T. Godown, Wadi Bunder, 25% cash deposit, and sales tax. For particulars apply to,

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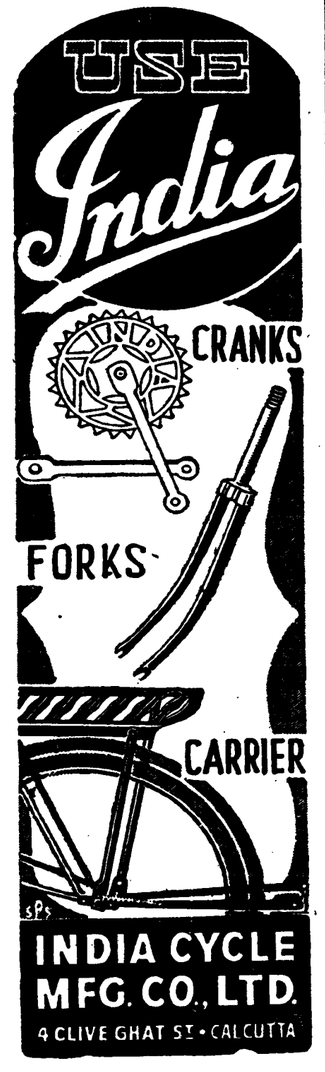

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DEATH SENTENCES SET ASIDE

Trunk Murder Case Appeal

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajadhvaksha and Mr. Justice Chainani)

Rex .....

vs.

1. Amariksingh Sardarsaheb Nathasingh Mallik .....
2. Ramsingh Kidwa ..... Original Accused Nos. 1 and 2.

The above two accused had been convicted and sentenced to death by Mr. M. B. Honavar Sessions Judge, Greater Bombay, for having committed abetment of murder and murder respectively of one Kuldeepsingh Ahluwalia at Bombay on 10th September 1947.

Kuldeepsingh was doing business in rosin turpentine glycerine etc. He stayed in Carleton Hotel, Bombay. Having no office and no godown he had stored 52 cases of rosin in a garage hired by accused Amariksingh with whom he had made friendship. Kuldeepsingh had a brother Dhanwantsingh who hails from Abottabad with whom he was in regular correspondence. Dhanwantsingh not having received any communication from his brother for over a month since 10th September 1947 came down to Bombay. On inquiries, he came to know from the CID that the dead body of a Sikh had been found by the Railway Police in a trunk in a railway carriage at Shamgarh in Gwalior State on 11th September, 1947. From a photograph Dhanwantsingh identified the body as that of his lost brother. On 26th March 1948 accused Ramsingh who was the servant of accused Amariksingh and who had gone away to Jammu made an alleged confession which was recorded by the First Class Magistrate of Jammu to the effect that he at the instance of his mates accused Amariksingh killed Kuldeepsingh in the former's flat on 10th September, 1947 by firing a pistol, that he placed the dead body in a trunk, placed the trunk in a train, that he travelled only upto one station beyond Bombay Central and got down and that then he left Bombay for his native place Jammu. This confession was retracted by Ramsingh in the trial court. The trial court convicted Ramsingh of murder and Amariksingh of abetment of murder and sentenced both to death, subject to confirmation by the High Court, but acquitted one Kisan Niranjandas another servant of Amariksingh who had also been put up for trial.

Amariksingh and Ramsingh appealed to the High Court and their appeals were heard by their lordships along with the Confirmation Case.

Their lordships stated that the evidence in the case was purely circumstantial and that there was no direct evidence led by the prosecution. In their lordships' opinion that evidence did not establish the guilt of Amariksingh and Ramsingh beyond reasonable doubt. Their lordships further held that the alleged confession of Ramsingh was not admissible because though the Magistrate who recorded it had been called, neither the original document in which it had been recorded nor its certified copy had been produced.

In the result their lordships allowed the appeals of both Amariksingh and Ramsingh, set aside their conviction and the death sentences passed upon them and ordered them to be acquitted.

Mr. K. L. Gauba, with Mr. N. M. Shanbhag and Miss R. H. Sahani appeared for the Appellant-accused.

Mr. B. G. Thakore Assistant Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

WORLD BANK MISSION'S TASK IN CITY

BOMBAY, Feb. 17 (API): Mr. A. S. G. Hoar, leader of the World Bank Mission now touring India, who has returned to Bombay, said in an interview here that the Mission had had opportunities of observing at first hand the functioning of industry and transport and the state of agriculture. They had also held conversations with members of the Provincial Governments, industrialists, merchants and labour leaders.

"Now the Mission has come to the great financial and commercial centre of Bombay and looks forward to discussions with the Provincial Government and the business community, which will be an important part of the picture of India, which it is piecing together", Mr. Hoar said.

Other members of the Mission are expected to assemble in Bombay before February 21.

HUMAN FACTOR IN INDUSTRY

BOMBAY, Feb. 17

"Employer-Employee Relations" was the subject of a talk given by Mr. P. Roberts, Export Manager of a leading American firm, at a meeting held yesterday, under the auspices of the Efficiency Circle of India. Mr. Roberts, prefaced his remarks by observing that "Employer-Employee Relations" is nothing but human relations, in other words, a problem of getting along with one's own self. From the point of view of employers he stressed the need for not only providing up-to-date and suitable working conditions, but also the need for getting employees in the right vocation. From the employees point of view, he stated that every employee, to be successful, should fulfil three requirements, namely, that he must take an intelligent interest in the work assigned to him, train employees under him so that they will take his place in case of necessity, and himself prepare for bigger and better jobs as opportunities arise.

Concluding, Mr. Roberts emphasised that every employee should be made to feel that he is working with the company and not for the company, so that he may feel that he is in partnership with his employer and not merely subservient to him.

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CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Magh Vad 6, 2005
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akher 19, 1368
Parsi: Shehrever 19, 1318
Sunrise: 7-6 a.m. Sunset 6-40 p.m.
Hightide: 03-11, 15-56
Lowtide: 09-34, 21-42.

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY MUSLIM PATEL ASSOCIATION: At the annual general meeting held on Tuesday a resolution was passed to distribute Rs. 2,500 as scholarship to the poor students of Broach District and Committee was formed for collecting funds for giving aid to the people affected by the famine in the Broach District.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Exoteric and Esoteric Theosophy" is the subject of Study Class today at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

'AT HOME TO KHIMJI': Catchee Friends' and Admirers' 'At Home' to Sjt. Bhavanji A. Khimji, President Indian Merchants Chamber, today at 5-15 p.m. at Cricket Club of India.

SILVERFISH: Mr. Adi F. Marzban, editor, the 'Jame-Jamshed', on 'The Future of the Theatre Movement in Bombay' today, at 6-15 p.m.

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE POLITICS AND ECONOMICS SEMINAR: Mr. M. N. Roy on "The crisis of Democracy" 1-30 p.m. today.

BOMBAY METALLURGICAL SOCIETY: Ordinary meeting today at 6-15 p.m. at the Conference Hall of the B.E.S.T. Committee's Electric House at Colaba, when Mr. M. Krishna will speak on "Gravity Die-Casting", lecture will be illustrated.

ALL-INDIA IMPORTERS' ASSOCIATION: Newly elected Managing Committee has elected the following office-bearers for 1949:—Mr. Kalsanji G. Bhatia, (President); Mr. P. K. Nagarseth, (Vice-President); Mr. Jayantilal R. Shroff, (Treasurer); Mr. R. P. Bulsara and Mr. B. K. Manseta, Hon. Secretaries.

BHAGINI SAMAJ: Opening of Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Vanita Vishram gardens, 5 p.m. Rani Maharajsingh will perform the opening ceremony. Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, Government of Bombay, will speak on the life on Gopal Krishna Gokhale.

City Police Sieze Radio Transmitters

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Following the raids carried out by the Bombay C. I. D. yesterday on two places in the city—one at Dadar and other at Gamdevi, two radio transmitters, one from each place, were sized. C. N. Modi and B. D. Dave were taken in custody in this connection.

It is not exactly known as yet why the transmitters were kept in the premises but it is alleged that they were kept and used for circulating commercial news.

The police are making further investigation.

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Duty Of Karnatakis

ALVA SAYS THEY MUST NOT BE SECTARIAN

BOMBAY, Thursday.

An appeal to Karnatakites residing in Bombay to contribute their best to build up the city by the greatness of their rich culture, knowledge and wisdom was made by Mr. Joachim Alva, Sheriff of Bombay, speaking at a reception arranged in his honour by the Karnatak Sangh, Bombay at the Cama Hall on Thursday evening.

Mr. Alva advised the Karnatakites that they should not think in terms of sectarianism when the question of national importance arose. He referred to the role of Karnatak in the political struggle and said that they were always free from communal politics. He exhorted them to pull their resources and rise to the occasion and contribute to the general progress of the country.

Earlier Mr. V. S. Swadi, Vice-President of the Karnatak Sangh welcomed Mr. Alva and paid tributes to the services rendered by him in the field of India's struggle for freedom. Mr. Alva, the speaker said, was an experienced and trusted public worker.

Radio

BOMBAY, FRIDAY 18th Feb. 1949
244 Metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 Metres (9,550 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Alap Asavari 7-40 Sumam Shroff 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Anu Inamdar 8-30 Meecashi Tras. 9-0 Close down.

244 Metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 Metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 p.m. Suno Suno 12-50 News 12-55 Mahila Mandal in Gujarati for women) 1-25 Musical Interlude 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch Hour Music 2-30 Close down.

244 Metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 Metres (7,240 kc/s)
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5-0 p.m. V G Mande 5-15 J P Mohile 5-30 H V Kadleer (Vocal) 5-45 S M Deshpande 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Programme Summary and Musical Interlude 6-15 Ponnuswami 6-20 Imayat Khan 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 H V Kadleer (Vocal) 7-30 Madhyamik Shikshnacha Prashna 7-45 Classical Hits 8-0 J P Mohile 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Suman Shroff 8-45 Anu Inamdar 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Imavat Khan 9-30 BBC News Relay 9-40 For the Universities 10 The Mills Brothers 10-15 Chic Chocolate and His Music Makers 11-0 Close down.

VARIATIONS

M/W 353 M (850 kc/s)
31.41 M. (9,550 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. News (Kannada) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 Anu Inamdar 8-0 J P Mohile 8-15 News (H)

M/W 353 M. (850 kc/s)
34.14 M. (9,550 kc/s)

12-45 p.m. News (M) 1-25 News (H) 1-30 Gujarati Geeto 2-0 Radio Forum 2-15 Mishra Sangeet.

M/W 350 M. (850 kc/s)
41.44 M. (7,240 kc/s) till 7-30
61.48 M. (4,880 kc/s) from 7-45 pm.

6-0 p.m. H V Kodlur (Kannada Songs) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-15 News (Kannada) 7-45 Commercial News 8-0 News (M) 8-15 S M Deshpande 9-0 V G Mande 9-15 News (H) 9-30 Bhajan 10-10 International Spelling Bee "Test Match" 10-30 Minakshi Tracey (Vocal).

Interview With British Debating Team

An interview with the members of the United Kingdom debating team, now in India will be broadcast by All-India Radio, Bombay, on the 18th Feb. 1949, at 7 p.m. The interviewer will be Prof. R. Choksi. This will be broadcast on Bombay-A (244 and 31.41 metres).

International Spelling Bee

All-India Radio, Bombay, will broadcast the second programme in the series "International Spelling Bee" on the 18th February, at 10 p.m. The P. K. team captained by David Brower will meet the New Zealand Team captained by R. J. Inglis. Mr. Clare Timberlake, the American Consul-General will act as the judge. This programme will be broadcast on Bombay-B (353 and 61.48 metres).

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Feb. 17, (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather summary for Thursday, the 17th February, 1949:—

Weather has been dry over the country except for isolated light showers in South Malabar.

Night temperatures were 5 degrees to 10 degrees F. below normal over the Central Provinces, Vindhya Pradesh, Chota Nagpur, Gangetic West Bengal and Orissa.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 18TH: Isolated light showers may occur along the Coromandel coast.

Night temperatures may fall slightly in the northern parts of the Deccan and rise north Rajputana and the East Punjab.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, Feb. 17, (A. P. I.): The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st December, 1948, and departure from normal recorded at 8 hours (I. S. T.) on 17th February, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 95 69 0 0 minus 0.1, Allahabad 78 50 0 1.3 minus 0.3, Baroda 98 62 0 0.1 —, Belgaum 36 59 0 0.1 minus 0.3, Bhuj — 62 0 0 minus 0.3, BOMBAY 86 72 0 0 minus 0.3, Calcutta 83 57 0 0.1 minus 1.1, Colombo 91 68 0 10.5 minus 0.1, Cuttack 85 61 0 0.3 minus 0.7, Darjeeling 66 40 0 2.1 plus 0.5, Dehra Dun 75 43 0 8.4 plus 3.3, Delhi 77 49 0 0.9 minus 1.1, Hyderabad (Dn.) 87 62 0 0 minus 0.8, Lahore 74 — 0 3.5 plus 1.3, Lucknow 80 51 0 1.5 minus 0.1, Madras 86 69 0 1.7 minus 5.5, Mahabaleshwar 81 59 0 0 minus 0.5, Multan 74 44 0 0.3 minus 0.6, Mussorie 53 43 0 7.3 plus 0.5, Nagpur 87 55 0 0 minus 1.2, Ootacamund 74 39 0 1.0 minus 2.1, Pachmarhi 77 46 0 0.5 minus 1.1, Patna 77 54 0 3.9 plus 2.5, Poona 93 56 0 0 minus 0.3, Quetta 57 33 0 0 —, Rajkot 95 65 0 0 minus 0.2, Rawalpindi 73 39 0 6.8 plus 1.7, Shillong 64 44 0 2.3 plus 0.9, Sholapur 92 61 0 0 minus 0.6, Simla 53 43 0 5.5 minus 0.1, Surat 97 68 0 0.1 minus 0.2.

FINANCIAL AID TO HOUSING SOCIETIES

Land Mortgage Bank To Be Subsidised

Under a scheme announced in May last Co-operative Housing Societies in Bombay, Bombay Suburban District, Ahmedabad, Poona, Sholapur and Hubli, constructing tenements consisting of two living rooms and a kitchen, and also tenements of a higher standard than this, were eligible for Government loans under certain terms and conditions. The Government of Bombay has since approved of a scheme for financing Co-operative Housing Societies through the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank Limited, which is being subsidised by the Government especially for this purpose. In view of this, it has now been decided to grant financial assistance under the Housing Programme of the Government only to such Societies as have undertaken or will undertake to construct tenements of, or below, the standard type only; that is to say, tenements consisting of "two living rooms and a kitchen" plus passage, verandah, bath room, lavatory etc., the carpet area of "two living rooms and a kitchen" not exceeding 450 sq. ft. Those Societies which desire financial assistance for tenements above the standard type, may apply to the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank Limited.

HOUSE-OWNERS NOT ELIGIBLE

The Government has also decided that the assistance available to Co-operative Housing Societies under the Housing Programme, will be extended only to such members of these Societies who do not already possess a residential house and/or another building site in the City or District in which these Societies will construct their buildings. Societies are, therefore, advised to make a specific mention of such members in their applications for lands or loans to the Collectors or Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies concerned.

SURPLUS MILK SUPPLIES

Government Prepared To Buy

BOMBAY, Thursday.

With regard to the grievance of Bombay's milk trade, that there was a surplus of supplies which did not fetch economic rates, a spokesman of the Government of Bombay said that Government was prepared to buy all surpluses, provided the quality of milk conformed to prescribed standards.

He said that there was no dearth of fodder in Bombay today.

The opening of the Aarey milk colony was tentatively fixed for the 27th instant and Dr. Rajendra Prasad had been telegraphically requested to preside over the occasion.

Circus Show In Aid Of Charity

A special show, in aid of the Narayan Kulkarni Memorial Welfare Society, will be given by the Great Royal Circus located at Tardeo, near the tram terminus, at 6-30 p.m., on Saturday, (19th inst.), when a selected programme of about 2-1/2 hours, will be gone through. Tickets ranging from Rs. 20 (for box of 4 seats) to 0-10-6 will be available at (1) Roy and Co., Princess Street; (2) Orient Homeopathic Pharmacy, Panalal Terraces, Grant Road; (3) Bombay Pharmacy, Sonawala Building No. 1, Tardev; (4) Anandashram Restaurant, Sonawala Building; (5) Bharat S. Bhoovan, opp. Gt. Road Station; (6) Kend and Co., Sleater Road; (7) Cambridge Tailoring Co., Sleater Road; (8) Trivedi Medical Stores, Sonawala Building.

SACRAMENTAL WINE COMMITTEE.

The Government of Bombay has extended the date of submission of the Sacramental Wine Committee's report up to February 28, 1949.

HELPING POORER CITIZENS WITH CHEAP TENEMENTS

Municipal Commissioner To Consider Reduction In Rateable Values Of Semi-permanent Dwellings

BOMBAY, Thursday: The Bombay Municipal Corporation today passed a resolution requesting the Commissioner "to consider and report on the desirability of determining the rateable values of semi-permanent tenements at a very low rate" to enable them to be let to "persons of moderate incomes who are the worst sufferers due to housing shortage". It was suggested that, if necessary, the provisions of the Municipal Act or bye-laws might be amended so as to encourage the building of such structures by co-operative or other housing societies. The resolution was moved by Mr. Mancherji E. Joshi (Independent).

NO NEED FOR MUNICIPAL DAIRY

A proposal for the establishment of a Municipal dairy made by the Socialist Party was rejected by the House. The idea was opposed by members of the Congress Party who held that when the Bombay Government had sponsored and were already implementing a large dairy scheme for the supply of adequate milk for the City, there was no need at the present juncture to have a "duplicate scheme". The resolution was moved by Mr. F. M. Pinto and supported by Mr. Dinker Desai. Mr. S. A. Kader and Mr. Homi Talyarkhan opposed it.

Two other resolutions moved by Mr. H. K. Patel (Socialist), one suggesting the supply of "tokens" by the B.E.S.T. Committee to Councillors which would give them priority in boarding tram cars and buses whether or not there was sitting accommodation and the other suggesting the issue of free travelling passes were rejected by the House. An amendment moved by Mr. Dinker Desai asking the Commissioner to consider the question of giving Councillors travelling allowances was ruled out of order by the Mayor.

OPPOSING THE RESOLUTIONS, MR. S. K. PATIL OBSERVED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER FOR MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION TO HAVE PRIVILEGES WHICH THE ORDINARY CITIZEN DID NOT ENJOY AND WAS LIKELY TO RESENT. HE HOWEVER AGREED WITH THE IDEA THAT FACILITIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS TO ENABLE THEM TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION PUNCTUALLY AND WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMISSIONER MIGHT BE REQUESTED TO DEVISE SOME SATISFACTORY CONVEYANCE PLAN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNCILLORS.

RELIEF WORK FOR PARSI DESTITUTES

Mr. Behman Sorabji Banaji has issued a report of the Fund he has founded, for the relief work among destitute Parsis, done upto March 1948, and which is certified by a public accountant. The report states that the total receipts for relief from June 1945 to March 1948 were Rs. 10,120, and the sum was fully distributed among 1,525 destitutes. It is also stated that further relief in the shape of giving meals to the very poor persons, in the last four years, the total of meals supplied being 13,323. The report further adds that Mr. Banaji gave away sums aggregating Rs. 1,21,268 during the period of A. D. 1932 to June 1945. Help from generous donors is solicited to continue the good work.

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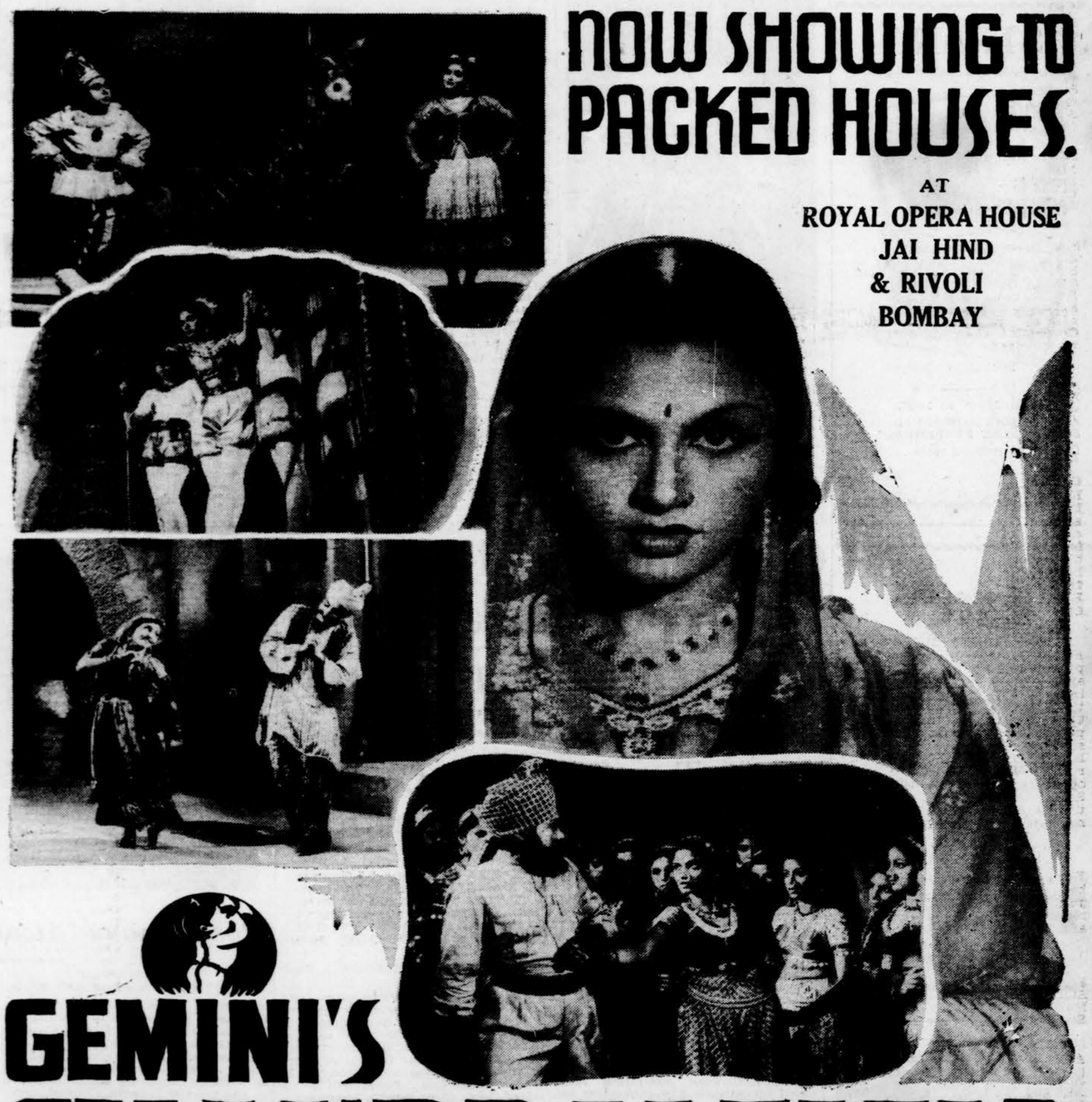

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FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK

Paullette Goddard and MacDonald Carey at grips.

"THE SIGN OF THE RAM"

At The New Empire

Based upon Margaret Ferguson's best-selling novel and its shocking story of what one woman dared for love, "The Sign of the Ram" marks the return to the screen of Susan Peters in the type of role which is usually reserved for Bette Davis.

Sharing acting honours with Miss Peters in the Irving Cummings pro- Randell, Dame May Whity and Allene Randell, Dame May Whitty and Aliene Roberts. Two new screen players, Ross

Susan Peters returns to the screen after her hunting accident two years ago.

Roberts. The new screen players, Ross Ford and Diana Douglas, are featured.

The screenplay by Charles Bennett takes us to Cornwall.

Outwardly, the household of Leah St. Aubyn (Susan Peters) is a happy one. Her husband, Mallory (Alexander Knox), is madly in love and his children by a former marriage, Logan June and Christine (Ross Ford, Allene Roberts and Peggy Ann Garner), are her devoted admirers and slaves.

Leah, in turn, is passionately fond of her family, but without realizing it, becomes a benevolent tyrant using every weapon at her command to keep all of them around her always. Through subtle means, she tries to break up the prospective marriages of Logan and Jane and is even indirectly responsible for Christine's attempt to poison her secretary (Phyllis Thaxter).

Under the skilful direction of John Sturges, the story builds purposefully in dramatic intensity until its violent climax.

The lilting ballad, "I'll Never Say 'I Love You' to Anyone But You", by Allan Roberts and Lester Lee, is sung by Susan Peters in Columbia's "The Sign of the Ram."

"HAZARD"

At The Strand

A cross-country romance in which laughs and thrills outdo each other, Paramount's "Hazard", co-stars Paulette Goddard and Macdonald Carey, and it is even breezier than "Suddenly It's Spring" in which Miss Goddard and Carey also appeared.

"Hazard", based on the novel by Roy Chanslor, features Fred Clark, Stanley Clements, Frank Faylen and ex-fighter Mavie Rosenbloom. It tells the story of a penniless society girl, played by Miss Goddard, who cant stay away from gambling, with the result that she is head over heels in debt to tough gambling king Fred Clark. Clark, in love with her, offers to cut cards for the dol. 16,000 she owes him —if she wins, the debt is cancelled; if he wins, she marries him. She loses but even welching is better than marrying Clark, so Paulette flies the coop.

Clark sets private detective Macdonald Carey on her trail and the elusive Miss Goddard leads him a merry chase. Always her overwhelming desire to gamble betrays her, and Carey finally takes her in two after he bails her out of jail following a raid. They head back to Clark in New York and it is their adventure en route that bring Paulette to her senses and finally, after considerable trouble with Clark, into Carey's arms.

"Hazard" was directed by George Marshall.

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

REGAL
"FIGHTER SQUADRON" starring Edmond O'Brien and Robert Stack.

NEW EMPIRE:
"THE SIGN OF THE RAM" starring Susan Peters and Alexander Knox.

STRAND:
"HAZARD" starring Paulette Goddard and Macdonald Carey.

METRO:
"TARZAN THE APE MAN" starring Johnny Weissmuller, Maureen O'Sullivan and C. Aubrey Smith.

PARADISE:
From Friday 18 to Monday 21: "GUNFIGHTER", starring Randolph Scott and Barbara Britton.

From Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24: "THE HURRICANE" starring Dorothy Lamour and John Hall.

SUNDAY, 27: 10-30 a. m. Double Programme "GENTLEMAN FROM TEXAS" and "TAKE ME BACK TO OKLAHOMA".

BANDRA TALKIES:
From Friday 18 to Tuesday 22: "THE EMPEROR WALTZ" starring Bing Grosby and Fontaine.
From Wednesday 23 to Friday 25: "THE JUNGLE PRINCESS" starring Dorothy Lamour and Ray Milland.

SUNDAY 27, Morning 10-30: "STRIKE ME PINK" starring Eddie Cantor.

John Rodney and Edmond O'Brien as daredevil pilots in "Fighter Squadron".

"FIGHTER SQUADRON"

At The Regal

"Fighter Squadron", Warner Bros' Technicolor saga of the U.S. Army air forces, bristles with zooming action and excitement. Three stars top the cast, Edmond O'Brien, Robert Stack and John Rodney. Rising luminaries including: Tom D'Andrea, James Holden, Walter Reed, Sheppard Strudwick and Jack Larson are also present. Not to forget Henry Hull who plays top-ranking brass in this thriller. Raoul Walsh is responsible for the direction.

"Fighter Squadron" tells the story of life and duty up to D-Day. Heavy research has brought out many real-life experience, which Seton I Miller has skilfully mouldd into the running script. This makes the film doubly gripping when it comes to straight undiluted suspense.

While the camera captures considerable ground activity of the men, off-duty and on-duty, it is the air sequences which really put one on edge. One paticular shot shows a fleet of fighters ready to take off. Up in the air, planes swoop down, engage in gunfire, break in two, burst into flame and spiral down to earth in trailing ribbons of smoke.

The entire cast looks Army and acts Army. Part of "Fighter Squadron" was shot at Oscoda, Michingan air base, with the Army co-operating GI's donned German uniforms for certain parts.

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Plan To Cost 20 Crores: Negotiations With Centre

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When this plant is in operation, it is said, crores of rupees worth of electric goods which are being imported from outside India can be manufactured in the country. Not only that, but, requirements of several industries which depend on electricity can be met also.

Bombay Province has three sites which are suitable and convenient for setting up the "pilot plant"—Greater Bombay, Poona and Nasik, all of which are considered to be ideally suited for the purpose. In all these places, "power" which is the chief requisite for such an industry, is available.

The Electrical Commissioner and the Director of Industries to the Government of Bombay, have already, it is learnt, started preliminary negotiations with the Central Government. The approval of the Central Ministry of Industries and the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power, will it is stated, have to be sought, because a site is finally chosen.

This will be the first "pilot plant" for manufacturing electric machinery in the country and several feeder industries including that of manufacturing electric appliances and goods.

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Attempt To Commit Suicide Foiled

BOMBAY, Thursday:
Mohamed Ramzan Ilahibux, a resident of Byculla, whose attempt to commit suicide yesterday was foiled by his servant, was arrested by the Byculla Police, and rushed to the J.J Hospital for treatment.

He was released on bail by Mr. S. B. Awar, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Court today.

Posthumous Award For Gallantry

Lieut. General Maharaj Shri Rajendrasinghji, G.O.C.-in-Chief, Southern Command, presented this morning the posthumous award of Military Cross to Mrs. Luxmi Rani Kathju, mother of the late Capt. Kathju who died at the hands of the Japanese while serving as a Public Relations Officer attached to the famous Chindits Column under the command of General Wingate during the Japanese war. The simple but solemn ceremony that came off on 17 Sikh Parade Ground near the Military Hospital at Colaba lasted hardly for five minutes.

Exactly at the stroke of 10 Lieut. General Rajendrasinghji arrived on the Parade Ground and was received by Major General Brar, Commander, Bombay Area, and other military personnel. The officers and men on the Parade Ground presented arms, Lieut. General Rajendrasinghji taking the salute.

Thereafter presenting the Cross to Mrs. Kathju the G.O.C. eulogised the services rendered by the late Capt. Kathju and spoke in appreciative terms of his galantry and devotion to duty as a Public Relations Officer.

Electric Workers' Strike In Baroda

Police And Military Guard Power Houses

BARODA, Feb. 17, (A.P.I.): Electric workers in Baroda State Commenced at zero hour this morning when all the workers numbering about 400 left the power houses and electric sub-stations Officers of the state electricity department are carrying on and the lights were still on at 2 A. M. in the city

Police and the military have been posted on guard duty in the three power houses and at all electric sub-stations in the city.

Telephonic enquiries at the electric sub-stations in Baroda city either met with no reply or were answered by the police or the military guarding the stations.

No informations is available regarding the strike in the interior of the state.

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GALLE MATCH DRAWN

Weekes Fares Well Behind Wicket

GALLE, (Ceylon), Feb. 17 (APD): Declaring at their overnight score of 435 for 9 wickets the West Indies touring team faced the task of dismissing Galle Gymkhana twice today in order to win their two-day match.

They made a good start for L. De Soysa was back in the pavilion with only 3 runs on the board. De Soysa opened the innings with F. J. De Saram against the bowling of Trim and Atkinson and before he had scored he was clean bowled by Atkinson.

The home team Captain, F. C. De-Saram, joined his younger brother. They played cautiously but later warmed up and an hour's play produced 39 runs.

Young De Saram left at 41 to a catch taken by Trim at mid-on off Cameron for 11. Sathasivam joined his Captain and both batsmen aided by early "lives" settled down to play some sound cricket. They sent up the first 50 of the innings in 75 minutes and were still together at lunch which was taken with the score at 84 for 2, De Saram being not out 45 and Sathasivam not out 16.

When play was resumed after lunch Christiani, who had kept wicket before the interval, was brought into the attack and Weekes went behind the stumps. Sathasivam and his captain, F. C. De Saram, who had added 44 runs for the third wicket before lunch, continued to shape with confidence with De Saram the more enterprising. Lashing out at full tosses from Christiani, Saram reached 50 in 128 minutes. He had hit 10 fours. The 100 was also registered after 135 minutes. At 138, Christiani induced F. C. De Saram to jump out and Weekes stumped him. Saram's 73 included 12 fours and was made in 155 minutes. Although he gave three chances, he batted with supreme confidence and his partnership with Sathasivam realised 97 for the third wicket.

SCORE-BOARD

WEST INDIES (FIRST INNINGS) for 9 wkts. declared 435

GALLE GYM. (FIRST INNINGS)

F. J. De Saram c Trim b Atkinson	11
L. De Soyza b Atkinson	0
F. C. De Saram st. Weekes b Christiani	73
M. Sathasivam c Cameron b Rae.	39
M. Jayasinghe st. Weekes b Christiani	12
B. R. Heyn b Atkinson	24
B. Amarasooriya b Christiani	12
F. Dalpathado lbw b Atkinson	1
F. Keisert run out	10
B. Navaratne not out	22
J. Nanayakara st. Weekes b Cameron	0
Extras	29
Total	234

GALLE GYM. (2ND INNINGS)

Sathasivam b McWatt	16
Heyn b Carew	10
F. J. De Saram c Goddard b Carew	7
Navaratne c Rae b Rickards	26
Jayasinghe not out	3
Extras	4
Total (for 4 wkts.)	66

AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS TO RECEIVE £450

Tour To South Africa Next Season

ADELAIDE, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter)—The Australian cricketers who are to tour South Africa next season are to receive £450 each for out-of-pocket expenses and allowances.

This was announced today by the Secretary of the Australian Cricket Board of Control. He also stated that the South African Cricket Association and the Australian Board have arranged that amounts will be payable in the currency of the country in which they are drawn.

The Australian players who toured England last summer received £800 each, while in the 1938 tour of England the allowance was £650.

Record Entries For Harringay

LONDON, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter)—Nine countries are represented in the record entry of 176 competitors for the All-India Badminton Championships at Harringay Arena, London, from March 2 to March 5.

They are: Malaya, India, Denmark, Sweden, America, South Africa, England, Scotland and Ireland.

In the Day's Sport

TENNIS

Bombay Gymkhana Courts

4-15 p.m. P.V.M. Women's Tournament.

HOCKEY

Parsi Cyclists Ground

4-15 p.m. Young Comrades vs. Lusitanians "B".

5-20 p.m. G.I.P. Rly. "B" vs. Bhimraj S.C.

S.P.H.A. Ground

4 p.m. Boy's Own Club (Poona) vs. R.I.N. (Provincial).

5 p.m. E.I.R. vs. South India (Semi-final Inter Railway).

St. Xavier's Ground, Parel

4-10 p.m. Khatau S.C. vs. St. Xavier's "B" (Figueredo Cup).

5-15 p.m. G.I.P. Rly. "A" vs. Blue Wizards (Lewis Cup).

S. India Rly. Win In Extra Time

PENALTY BULLY DECIDES ISSUE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A goal scored off a penalty bully in extra time of play brought victory to South India Railway in the replayed quarter-final against Bengal Nagpur Railway. South India now meet E. India in the semi-finals tomorrow.

Both sides had quite a tussle to get through and score in an altogether disappointing game of hockey. Towards the middle of the first half B. N. Rly. would have scored had Wanchu beaten Dawson in goal. Then transferring play S.I.R. had a chance of scoring when J. Carr the right inner ran through beautifully and shot when well placed but Bhatnagar in goal saved luckily. The sides crossed over at half time without any score.

On resumption Ramsbottom of S.I. Rly., who has given a good account of himself throughout this tournament was held up for sticks after he was foiled by a defender when on the verge of scoring. South India were rather lucky for midway through the second period right inner Manchu pushed the ball ahead which goalie Dawson let pass thinking it would roll out of play, but the ball hit the upright and was cleared only after a hard fight. Once again Ramsbottom made a gallant attempt but the deep defence did everything in their power to spoil and they then cleared haphazardly. Towards the closing stages Carr ran through, but Bhatnagar rushed to the top of circle and cleared. The teams couldn't reach a decision by full time and extra time was played and in the third minute a penalty bully was awarded against B. N. Rly.'s full back Minos for hooking Carr's stick during a mix up in front of goal when goalkeeper Bhatnagar rushed to save and dropped Cooper who was on his way to score. Umpire Vishwanathan was justified in doing so, and Minos and Carr took the bully and Carr easily scored the all-important goal. Nothing else occurred during the second period and this game ended in a victory for South India. Ramsbottom, Carr and Paris played well for the winners, while Bhatnagar, Wainright, and Bunyan played a grand game for the losers.

Mrs. Barrett Extends Miss Merchant

P.V.M. WOMEN'S TENNIS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The weeding out process in the P.V.M. Women's Tennis Tournament being over, some excellent encounters were witnessed this evening. In the two quarter-final matches in the singles although the respective winners, Mrs. Betty Stewart and Miss Laxmi Merchant won their matches in two straight sets, the scores were any indication of the keenness with which these matches were marked.

To Mrs. Barrett went the credit of playing the most courageous game of the evening. Pitted against one of the "stalwarts" of women's tennis in Western India—Miss Laxmi Merchant—she never once looked as if she was outclassed by her well-known opponent. In spite of being forced into the two baseline corners by the excellent length of Miss Merchant's strokes, Mrs. Barrett very often extricated herself from these difficult "spots" by her excellent strokes, which being purely defensive had a degree of aggressiveness in them by virtue of their clever placings. Mrs. Barrett lost the first set at six games to two, but determined to fight every rally to the last she extended Miss Merchant to nine-seven in the second and the last set. On many an occasion would Miss Merchant make certain of her rally by forcing the pace with her forehand strokes, and coming upto the net to finish it by volleying, but invariably she regretted it as Mrs. Barrett would with great ease pass her with her backhand drives, that were executed with great accuracy and had the "nasty habit of just skimming the net and passing Miss Merchant with hardly a few inches to spare.

In the other quarter-final match in the singles, aided by her excellent service, Mrs. Betty Stewart beat her opponent, Mrs. Ruby Gazdar in two straight sets. In a game full of excitement and long rallies Mrs. Stewart won by six games to three in the first set and the second set saw Mrs. Gazdar extended her opponent to nine-seven.

Mrs. Stewart and Miss Merchant now enter the semi-final round of the singles, and should experience little difficulty in qualifying for the final.

In an uninteresting match between Miss Damri and Mrs. Bhavnani, the players had won one set each and were three games all in the third set when due to the failing light it was decided to play the match tomorrow.

Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Mudie quite contrary to the expectations beat their opponents Mrs. Madhok and Mrs. Aibara very easily. One game in each of the two sets played were all that the losers could get off the former pair. Mrs. Madhok got very few opportunities of bringing into play her strong forehand drives, and on the few occasions that she got to within reach of the ball she sent it flying over the net and neither of her opponents could even make an effort to return them. Her partner Mrs. Forbes playing the unorthodox cutting stroke, very often gave Mrs. Pollard at the net perfect "sitters" to do as she liked with them.

Both Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Mudie played extremely steady and made capital of the errors that their opponents made.

The following were the results:

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Mrs. Limbrey beat Mrs. Mayne, 6-2 6-1; Mrs. Bhavnani vs. Miss Damri, 6-2 3-6 3-3 (unfinished).

QUARTER-FINAL: Mrs. B. Stewart beat Mrs. R. K. Gazder 6-3 9-7 Miss L. M. Merchant beat Mrs. N. Barrett 6-2 9-7.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Miss D. Bastawalla and Mrs. M. S. Forbes beat Miss M. Ghasvala and Miss P. Billimoria 7-5 6-4.

QUARTER-FINAL: Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Mudie beat Mrs. P. Madhok and Mrs. S. Aibara 6-1 6-1.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

COURT NO. 7: at 4-15 p.m. Mrs. Mudie vs. Miss R. Bhandari, followed by Miss L. M. Merchant and Mrs. S. Jameson vs. Mrs. Johnstone and Miss V. Dubash, followed by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Limbrey or Miss D. Bastawala and Mrs. M. S. Forbes vs. Mrs. S. Pollard and Mrs. M. Mudie.

COURT NO. 8: at 4-15 p.m. Mrs. Madhok vs. Miss Damri or Mrs. Bhavnani, followed by Mrs. Bhavnani and Mrs. Khan vs. Mrs. M. Bharucha and Miss A. Pavri.

M. C. C. Appoints Committee

Future Of English Cricket

LONDON, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter)—M.C.C. have taken a further step in dealing with the question of the future of English cricket by announcing that they have appointed a committee, under the chairmanship of Major Harry Altham, D.S.O. to deal with the problem.

The full M.C.C. statement reads: "As already announced the M.C.C. have at the request of the counties, agreed to initiate a general enquiry into the future welfare of English cricket. They consider that the best and broadcast approach may lie in the study of the conditions under which cricket is played by the youth of the country from the primary school age upwards.

"In such a field there are, of course, a numer of authorities and organisations already concerned and it is the M.C.C.'s hope to enlist their goodwill and co-operation and to profit by their experience.

"As a first step they have appointed a small committee to examine the general implications of this policy and to make recommendations regarding the machinery for a subsequent and detailed enquiry.

"As chairman of this committee they have nominated H. S. Altham, D. S. O. Vice-Admiral E. G. N. Rushbrooke, C.B.E., D.S.C., Royal Navy will act as secretary."

Major Altham, Winchester college housemaster, told a meeting of Hampshire supporters after his appointment that the job of the enquiry would be "a most formidable one which may take a long time."

He hoped the result would be the foundation of the future welfare of English cricket on a solid base.

"In the end we hope to bring cricket of the best sort played under decent conditions, inspired by the right spirit and good coaching, into the lives of the ordinary boys in our state schools", he said.

"If only we can get enough boys playing this game in England and playing it right, it is quite certain that from that mass will be thrown in some year of other, a new Denis Compton, a new Maurice Tate, a new Jack Hobbs, and when that happens we need not worry any more about our meetings with Australia."

Major Altham, player, historian, and coach of cricket is 60 years of age.

He was a member of famous Repton eleven of 1908, played for Oxford in 1911 and 1912, occasionally for Surrey, and after the First World War, for Hampshire.

In a life-long interest in cricket his biggest contribution has been his 'History of Cricket' which Sir Pelham Warner once described as the greatest book ever written on the game.

It appeared in 1926, and was, with E. W. Swanton's collaboration, revised in 1938 and again after the last war.

BOMBAY XI FOR POONA

Exhibition Hockey Teams Announced

BOMBAY, Thursday.

An exhibition match will be played against a Bombay XI and a Maharashtra XI at the Ammunition Factory Ground Kirkee, on Sunday, 20th February at 5 p.m.

The following will represent the two teams:—

BOMBAY XI:—A. Lobo, Owen Ferreira, R. S. Gentle, Perumal, Amir Kumar, Poonawalla, Woodcock, Coutinho, Lenny D'Souza, Ivor Abraham, Laurie Fernandes.

MAHARASHTRA XI:—R. D'Souza, Lingam, D. D'Souza, E. Gabriel, D. Nimal, Bhatia, Maleloo, Youssuff, S. Matteloo, M. Pillay, G. Nimal.

The Bombay team is managed by Mr. F. W. Hanson, and is leaving Victoria Terminus for Poona on the 20th at 8 a.m.

Lewis Cup Hockey

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In the Lewis Cup Hockey Tournament, at Parel this evening Bombay Port Trust 'A' gained a solitary goal victory over B.E.S.T. Sports Club. Correa scored the all-important goal for the winners.

In the Figueredo Cup Goans Sports Club "B" beat Khar Selected by four goals to nil. Carvalho scored all the four goals for his side.

"R. S. S. PAKISTAN"

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, (By Air Mail).

High Government Officials of Pakistan seem to be much perturbed over the threat issued by a new secret reorganisation has publicly warned the volutionary organisation reported to have been recently established in Karachi in the name of "R.S.S. Pakistan".

The Supreme Commander of this organisation has publicly warned the corrupt officials, who have been termed as Gaddars or enemies of the State to be more careful in the future

TRACK TRIALS

Crystal, Shan-E-Hind And Laxmi Vilas Excel

By Our Track Reporter

The following are the track-trials at Mahalaxmi:—

★

OUTER TAN.

CHIN UP (Chavan) covered a mile in 1 minute 49 seconds.

★

SHAN-E-HIND (Roberts) was well in hand when tried with JAIWANT (Deshmukh) over seven furlongs. Timing 1 minute 35 seconds.

★

ROYAL JESTER (Roberts) was not pressed when covering a mile in 1 minute 50 seconds.

★

BHOPAL STAR (Roberts) outstroue KUNIGAL STAR (Khalil) when covering seven furlongs in 1 minute 36 1/2 seconds. The first-named has come to d now

★

SINHGARH (Dinkar) and GWALIOR EXPRESS (Deshmukh) moved at 3/4 pace when covering the last four in 54 seconds.

★

DASHERA (Deshmukh) did easy six furlongs in 1 minute 24 seconds.

★

JUST WAIT (Khade) held BAHRAM KHAN (R.B.) when covering six furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds.

★

NAVVARA (Evans) showed out from WINDSOR BELLE (Jagdesh) and PANNA (R.B.) when sent over a mile. The furney was covered in 1 minute 49 1/2 seconds.

★

DINIAR (Uttam) and WINDSOR PARK (B. Khade) strode impressively when recording 1 minute 20 1/2 seconds for the last six furlongs.

★

PRAVINA (Uttam) did an outstanding nine furlongs gallop in 2 minutes 1 second. She is likely to trouble the best whenever sent out.

★

MANISHA (Murad) comfortably held NEOLA (Mitchell) and PRINCE OF MAHAD (R.B.) was far behind when going five furlongs in 1 minute 5 seconds. MANISHA and NEOLA are likely to make their presence felt on Saturday.

★

BLUE MIST (Rosario) did the last four furlongs in 52 seconds.

★

COUP D'ETAT (Shaikh) covered a mile in minute 50 seconds.

★

CRYSTAL (Evans) jumped from the mile and moved at 3/4 pace. GAY COUNT (D'Monte) accompanied him as the six and FLYING PRINCESS (Dar) was picked up at the four. CRYSTAL put steam from the four and clocked 50 seconds. Three lengths separated CRYSTAL and FLYING PRINCESS while GAY COUNT was a further half dozen lengths behind at the post. CRYSTAL may complete the hat-trick on Saturday.

★

GREAT LADY (Purtu) shaped better than RESHONE (R.B.) when clocking 1 minute 6 seconds for five furlongs.

★

PAPER KING (Chavan) was not unduly extended when covering seven furlongs in 1 minute 36 1/2 seconds.

★

RACE GRASS.

CARNIVAL QUEEN (Ganesh) moved infront of STAR SAPHIRE (K. Hassan) when covering the last five in 1 minute 5 seconds.

★

PARTHIAN (Khade) spared four lengths from NEW MOON (Evans) when doing a noteworthy six furlongs in 1 minute 19 seconds.

★

ABBESS (Khade) shaped better than GENTLE WHISPER (Evans) when sent over six furlongs. They timed 1 minute 19 2/5 seconds.

★

RUSTOM (R.B.) had the measure of FLYING MISS (R.B.) when covering five furlongs in 1 minute 7 1/2 seconds.

★

PRINCESSA (Khade) had poor company of CHHOTI BEGUM (R.B.) when covering five furlongs in 1 minute 5 seconds.

★

LAXMI VILAS (Khade) was too good for TRUMAN (R. Bhosle) when engaged in a great gallop over a mile. The last six furlongs were covered in 1 minute 18 seconds.

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JE REVIENS (K. Hassan) NAMDAR (Damodar) and FOXBRISSE (R.B.) were placed in the order mentioned when covering the last six in 1 minute 19 1/2 seconds.

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LATEST SPURTS ON TAN TRACK.

CHURCHILL (Aurobinda) did four furlongs in 50 1/2 seconds.

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LOYAL PRINCE (Dashrat) was a shade better than NEW LOOK (Rickaby) and PARKER PRINCE (Chavan) when sent over three Timing 37 seconds.

★

BIG BLAZE (Rickaby) covered three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds.

SHUBH LAXMI (R.B.) did easy three furlongs in 38 seconds.

★

BOOP'S FANCY (Chavan) covered three furlongs in 37 seconds.

★

SHAN-E-HIND (Roberts) moved at half pace when covering three furlongs in 40 seconds. He is now at his best.

★

AMAN (Khade) well in hand held MISSING LINK (R.B.) when covering three furlongs in 37 1/5 seconds

★

LAXMI VILAS (K. Hasan) was not much pressed when doing a three furlongs spurt in 36 1/2 seconds.

★

TRUMAN (Khade) did three furlongs in 37 3/5 seconds. He was hard held.

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JAIWANT (Deshmukh) negotiated three furlongs in 36 1/5 seconds.

★

ROYAL JESTER (Deshmukh) did a rousing three furlongs in 35 1/5 seconds.

★

CHIN UP (Chavan) covered the last three in 36 1/2 seconds.

★

QUEEN OF GWALIOR (Roberts) was better than DASHERA (Deshmukh) when sent over three Timing 36 3/5 seconds

★

CARNIVAL QUEEN (Ganesh) disposed of STAR SAPHIRE (R.B.) when covering three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds.

★

SINHGARH (Deshmukh) was placed infront of GWALIOR EXPRESS (Dinkar) when covering three furlongs in 37 1/2 seconds

★

VIVECA (K. Hassan) was speedier than Lily (Khade) when covering three furlongs in 37 seconds

★

WHIRLWIND (Evans) WHIRLPOOL (Jagdesh) and TOPFLIGHT (Nettoo) moved on the bit and were placed in close order when covering three furlongs in 37 1/2 seconds.

★

NO NO NANETTE (R.B.) showed the way to JANE MAN (R.B.) when recording 38 seconds for three furlongs.

★

GIPSY GEM (Shiba) ran an impressive four furlongs spurt in 50 1/2 seconds.

ACCEPTANCES

The following are the acceptances of Bombay Big Meeting, Fourth Day, to be run on Saturday, 19th February 1949.

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THE MATHERAN PLATE.—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Kotidhwaj 9-1; Battle Out 8-11; Ma Cherie 8-6; Chetna 8-4; Shah of Iran 8-3; Sinhgarh 8-1; Gwalior Express 7-13; Jahan Zaib 7-12; Yemin-ul-Mulk 7-6.

★

THE DHARWAR PLATE. Division II—Distance 5 furlongs.

Cool and Collected 8-7; Topflight 8-7; Whirlpool 8-7; Lily 8-7; Chhoti Begum 8-7; Mimma 8-7; Malka-e-Alam 8-7; Janeman 8-7; Kantaka 8-7; La Contesse 8-7; Gwen 8-7; Flying Miss 8-7; Belle Amie 8-7; Grace Darling 8-7; Magic Hour 8-7; Teajal 8-7; Tamanna 8-7.

★

THE TANSA PLATE. Division II.—Distance 6 furlongs.

My Pet 9-0; Mah-I-Nau 8-13; Ghazala 8-12; Wood Nymph 8-11; Hikmet 8-10; Azad Hind 8-9; Super Charge 8-7; Gentle Whisper 8-4; Just Wait 8-3; Star Saphire 8-1; Dashera 8-1; Gori 8-0; Mirella 7-12; Padshah Begum 7-8.

★

THE ANDHERI PLATE. Division II—Distance 7 furlongs.

Churchill 9-0; Find Out 8-8; Bhopal Star 8-8; Arowhena 8-7; Aan Baan 8-6; Himalaya 8-5; Parthian 8-3; Rana Pratap 8-3; Pom Pom II 8-2; Paramount Power 7-13; Chin Up 8-0; Georgie 7-13.

★

THE DHARWAR PLATE. Division I Distance 5 furlongs.

Tamasha 9-3; Whirlwind 9-3; Viveca 9-3; Flying Princess 9-3; Neola 9-3; Rukhsana 9-3; Tabassum 8-7; Princessa 8-7; Aafrin 8-7; Lady Doctor 8-7; Egyptian Belle 8-7; Cherry Blossom 8-7, Great Lady 8-7; Madame Neim 8-7; New Look 8-7; Desert Queen 8-7; Rasili 8-7.

★

THE RAJPIPLA GOLD CUP.—Distance 1 mile.

Redbay 9-11; Coup d'Etat 8-4; Laxmi Vilas 8-10; Crystal 8-8; Jaiwant 8-5; Royal Jester 8-3; Zam Zam 7-10; Pillar to Post 7-9; Paper King 7-8; Namdar 7-8; Gipsy Gem 7-5.

★

H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF KASHMIR'S GOLD CUP.—Distance 1 mile.

Shan-E-Hind 9-1; Royal Crusader 8-12; Maduri 8-9; Kunigal Star 8-8; Jane Tigar 8-8; Boop's Fancy 8-8; Kirti 8-8; Himat 8-8; Cherry Brandy 8-8; Knick Knack 8-8; Navvara 8-5; Aman 7-13.

★

THE ANDHERI PLATE. Division I.—Distance 7 furlongs.

Diniar 9-0; Shubh Luxmi 8-13; New Moon 8-13; Cocktop 8-9; Khundil 8-7; Truman 8-7; Big Blaze 8-7; Tomcat 8-5; Sweet Maryla 8-5; Pride d'Antibes 7-11; Princess Padma 7-11.

★

THE TANSA PLATE. Division I.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Asoka 9-0; Abbess 8-13; Blue Mist 8-5; Boir Bandit 8-4; Sweetie Shau 8-4; Queen of Gwalior 8-3; Hooded Terror 7-13; Carnival Queen 7-13; Jouette 7-13; Manisha 7-11; Patakha 7-9.

India's Backwardness In Industrialisation

VISWESWARAYA'S CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT'S POLICY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"The object of our organisation is to develop industries in all parts of the country. We endeavour mainly to mobilise men and resources in every region for the service of the country." With these remarks Sir M. Visweswaraya, President of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation, addressed a press conference held at Green's, on Thursday evening.

Every prosperous country in the world, today, is so because of heavy industries, he said.

The fundamentals of industrialisation meant increase in production, increase in the income of the people and increase in manufactures.

For all purposes of civilisation, said Sir Visweswaraya, machinery had to be used and our country had to produce machinery.

It is a pity, he observed, that in some parts of India due importance was not given to heavy industries and they were contented with only small-scale industries. Such an attitude would never help a country if it was ever involved in a major war.

LACK OF INTEREST

"In consequence of the lack odf interest exhibited by the present Government we are spending 10 crores of rupees outside the country every year on the purchase of automobiles," he remarked.

Australia was developing her industries very vigorously, he added, and so was Canada with only a population of 12 millions. Canada had invested Rs. 3,000 crores in industries whereas India had hardly reached the Rs. 1,000 crores mark.

In India unfortunately there were no arrangements for the manufacture of machinery, no arrangements for the training of experts nor was capital forthcoming.

He was of the opinion that Government should pay high rates of interest and draw out hidden capital which could be put into immediate use.

FOREIGN CAPITAL

Sir Visweswaraya also held the view that foreign capital must be welcomed and used to the best advantage, specially capital from America which showed every sign of forthcoming. But, it had to be remembered that such capital must be obtained on reasonable terms.

If India spent a 1,000 crores of rupees on her industries, within 4 or 5 years, the gross income that would be realised would exceed the amount invested.

MODEST PLAN

He would suggest a modest plan to suit the country's industrial programme.

Industries in the country could be divided into three categories. Units consisting of a city each, a town each and a group of twenty villages, each. Only thus could competition between city and city, town and town and one group of villages and another group of villages could be ensured. This would result in healthy rivalry.

Sir Visweswaraya was of the opinion that Government had no business to talk about nationalisation of industries at a time when capital was very shy. It was only a "vote-catching device" according to him.

In conclusion he said, if the country was to be prosperous heavy industries had to be started. Small scale industries though they may not produce wealth would definitely add to the agricultural income of rural populations and raise their standard of living.

U. N. Indonesian Committee Report

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 16 (PTI-Reuter): Russia today "objected strongly" to a delay of 15 days asked by the United Nations Indonesian Committee before it reported on the situation in the East Indies. The Commission was supposed to report by yesterday, but asked for the date to be advanced to March 1, "in the light of recent developments in The Hague".

M. Jacob Malik (the Soviet Union) objecting, said the Dutch Government had not yet shown any such sign of obeying the Security Council's January resolution regarding Indonesia. He was supported by Mahmoud Bey Fawzi, (Egypt)—who also voiced grave doubts about any further delay.

Sir Alexander Cadogan (Britain) supported the proposed postponment. The date of February 15 was not a time-limit set for the Netherlands Government but concerned solely the Commission, he said.

Canada supported this.

Mr. Malik countered that Sir Alexander was apparently not interested in the time limits set by the Security Council for compliance by the Netherlands.

"He is always prepared to support Netherlands' aggression", he declared.

Without further discussion, the Security Council decided without vote to grant the Indonesian Commission the delay sought.

The Council's January resolution called for an immediate end to the fighting in Indonesia and release of the Republican leaders by the Dutch. It also called on the Dutch to invest the United Nations Commission with powers to aid in establishing an Interim Government before March 15.

'Barbers' Protest Against Proposed New Regulations

NASIK, Feb. 17, (A.P.I.): About three hundred barbers and "Hamamkhana' conductors in Nasik at a meeting on Tuesday protested against the proposed Municipal by-laws to license hair cutting saloons and "Hamamkhanas" in the city.

The Barbers have made a representation to the Commissioner, the Collector and the Commissioner Administrator of the Nasik Municipality to drop the proposed by-laws. The meeting decided to send a deputation to wait upon the officers concerned.

Dr. Weizmann Elected President Of Israel Council

JERUSALEM, February 17 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Provisional Council of Israel, was elected today first President of the new state.

Dr. Weizman, aged 74, is President of the English Zionist Federation, and is a former President of the World Zionist Organisation and the Jewish agency.

Aly Khan To File Divorce Suit On Saturday

PARIS, Feb. 16. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Prince Aly Khan will file a divorce suit on Saturday against the Princess, formerly the Hon'ble Loel Guiness, it was learned here to-day.

The Princess has already filed a suit against her husband.

The formal attempt at reconciliation demanded by French law is also fixed for Saturday.

This was posponed for to-morrow a message from London said the Princess was ill with influenza.

Prince Aly Khan has said he will marry film star Rita Hayworth when the divorce is completed.

MARSHALL AID COUNTRIES MEET

PARIS, Feb. 17, (PTI-Reuter): Nineteen European recipients of Marshall Aird were debating here today a plan to strengthen their organisation by giving more power to the Belgian Premir M. Paul Spark as head of a seven-nation consultive body.

The Eire's Foreign Minister Mr. Sean Macbride, who sponsored the plan, had suggested that the new committee" should have the same relationship to the organisation that a Government has to its parliament".

The setting up of the consulative body—comprising Britain, Belgium, France, Italy, Holland Sweden and Turkey—was recommended to today's full Council of the organisation for European economic co-operation by a nine-power ministerial committee on reforms. The council was also considering a recommendation that it should meet at ministerial level not less than four times a year.

Both Sides Have Kept Up Cease-Fire In Kashmir

MILITARY OBSERVER REPORTS TO U. N. COMMISSION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (A.P.I.): The United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan today heard from its Military Adviser, Lt.-Gen. Maurice Delvoie that the observation of the cease-fire in Kashmir "has been well kept by both sides."

General Delvoie also reported that prisoners of war were being exchanged by both sides without difficulty in agreement with the Commander-in-Chief of the two armies.

"Minor infactions since the cease-fire order went into effect on midnight of January 1 this year have been quickly settled", he added.

A Press Note issued by the Commission's office in New Delhi gave these extracts from Gen. Delvoie's report.

HOW OBSERVERS WORK

Describing the work of U. N. Observers, Gen. Delvoie said that on the Pakistan side, with headquarters at Rawalpindi under command of Col. Alexander McCone, observer teams have been assigned to Hajira to points south of Mirpur and south of Bhimbar, and at Domel on the road from Muzaffarabad to Srinagar.

On the Indian side, with headquarters at Jammu under Brig. A. V. Tremaine, observer teams have been assigned to Naushera and Srinagar. Two U. S. Officers, who arrived in Delhi from Tokyo today will be assigned to Poonch. They are Capt. Gove Johnson and Capt. D. Hansford.

The Commission will meet again on February 18.

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 16, (A.P.I.): The Harijan refugees of Gandhinagar Colony gave their six-day-old hunger strike today on the assurance of district authorities to forward their demand for free rations to the Government.

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GOOD NEWS

The discontent of the railway workers which was almost fanned by political agitators into a railway strike, has two grounds: The economic and the political. Economically, Mr. Matadin Kaitan, presiding over the Railway Passengers Conference last August, gave a fair picture of conditions. "While today the poorest man in the non-rationed areas of the Bombay Provinces gets wheat and rice at Re. 1/- per seer or thereabouts the railway employee gets the same at about 3 annas a seer from the railway grain shops. Rice, wheat, pulses, sugar, matches, soaps, oils, Kerosene, ghee, fuel, vegetable and various other articles are being supplied at a considerably cheaper rate through the grain shops. The railway servant gets a free pass to travel every day from his residence to his office or place of duty. His children get free school passes. He gets a number of free passes and concessional tickets at one third of the actual fare every year. He gets free uniform." Conditions of service on the railways are, on whole, vastly better than other work in the country. On the other hand, much of these concessions and aids are so badly managed that the full benefit does not reach down to the railway worker. The revelations made by members of the Indian Parliament in the last Budget session showed tremendous wastage in running the grain shops which resulted in a programme of doing away with them and paying full cash dearness allowances in place of grainshop concessions. Naturally it has been a grievance with the workers that advantages to which they had been accustomed, should be withdrawn from them. But matters had reached a pass where public opinion saw only one way of clearing out the abuses — limiting grainshop benefits to as few as possible. Had the problem been approached in a more reasonable mood on all sides, without the threat of trouble on the lines, it would have been easy to ask the workers to take over the management of the grainshops co-operatively. It would have been a better way and it would have proved both economical and educative to the workers. Moreover, it should not be overlooked that the railway worker does not at all consider himself well remunerated and looked after. Mr. Ahmad Mukhtar, member of the Labour Investigating Committee, who looked into conditions on the railways in 1946, remarked, "I interrogated a large number of employees and was startled to find that each one made an open confession of the fact that he took bribes ... Bribery is not confined to the low paid staff, though they all attributed it to low incomes...The railway staff did not only accept illegal gratification from the public, they also bribed the Establishment staff for leave, transfers, promotions, etc. "Mr. Mukhtar commented on the anti-corruption measures, and said that they had hardly touched the fringe of the problem and that railway officers felt that in themselves they could not eradicate the evil. Economically, therefore, there is no doubt much to be done but it is all in the sphere of better organisation and management, better selection of men in responsible positions with more power to deal with corruption on the spot. The entire spirit on the railways is not such as to have led to any expectation of a suitable response to the public spirit of the men. It should be borne in mind that for this the blame lies not with the low paid staff but with the higher officers and there must be a toning up of the whole system at an early date. It is not surprising that in the existing conditions despite the many economic advantages enjoyed by railway workers over other workers, they should be open to political agitation. An essential service like the railways cannot be run in inefficiency and corruption. The Government must undertake a thorough overhaul. The Railwaymen's Federation has not raised the question of the economics of the entire railway system but concerned itself purely with the conditions of the workers who are its members. But the Administration cannot neglect the matter any more. In the coming debate on the Railway Budget we shall doubtless hear more of this.

As for the political side of the agitation, a great deal is due to the Socialist Leader, Mr. Jai Prakash Narain who, though belatedly, did see reason. The decision of the Council of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation to disaffiliate Communist Unions which had tried to force the pace and to force the hands of the federation clears the field of political irreconcilibles who are more interested in their own party ends than in the conditions of work of the railwaymen. The railway strike, if it does occur — for though its back has been broken by the Federation's decision, the thwarted Communists are likely to move with all the abandon of desperate men — will not now be what the Communists had meant it to be the bringing of a series of strike waves aimed at paralysing the economic and industrial life of the country and shaking its political stability. It is quite clear that the Communist intent is to do as much as they can to bring about a state of anarchy which they could exploit to their advantage. It is equally clear that the greater part of the workers have seen through the game and are unwilling to be made the pawns of a scramble for power. More than a month ago, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru warned the country of the political machinations that moved behind the facade of economic demands. It is fortunate that Mr. Jai Prakash Narain awoke in time to this fact and realised his responsibilities. In the last analysis the decision of the Federation declared categorically that its leaders feel they can do business with the Government of India but not with the Communist element that had wormed its way within it. If there are — as it is likely there will be — demonstrations on March 9, it will be against the directive of the Federation and, therefore, easily manageable. But the Government and the public must be on the alert to see that the trouble is brought under speedy control and, while it lasts, localised. Mr. Jai Prakash has won the first round and it is an important victory. But the battle is not by any means all over. It would not be out of place to mention here the workers of the Hindustan Mazdur Sevak Sangh who have been influencing the workers — perhaps more effectively before they actually decided to enter the union field themselves. Both the Socialists and these workers are now facing a time of severe testing.

So far as the future negotiations with the Government are concerned, the great thing is that the initial suspicion has been got over. It is no use either side being convinced of its own reasonableness; it is important that both should have a basic confidence in one another. That condition has been now fulfilled and it can be hoped that settlement on points of detail will not elude the negotiators. As we have pointed out there is considerable room for improvement in the running of the railways, a great deal to be done to put the system on healthy lines. But the changes are more likely to be effected in an atmosphere of quiet. The Indian railway system is not only the largest in the country, it is about the sixth largest in the whole world. It cannot but have an influence on other countries from which it freely imports its engines and coaches and wagons. And it cannot certainly be allowed to run haphazardly. If, in addition to this, it is remembered that so much depends in our present shortages on rapid movement through the country, then there is every incentive to settle down to a common effort. Now that the clouds of suspicion have been swept aside we hope the opportunity will be availed of to effect an all round improvement, a task rendered all the more easy by the fact that as a State-run organisation there are no secrets, technical or commercial, to keep back from the workers.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (PTI-Reuter).—Bi-partisan agreement in the United States Senate to "tone down" the terms of the proposed Atlantic Pact is expected to lead Western European countries to seek a clearer statement of the commitments America is willing to accept.

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According to a New Delhi report, the U.N. Commission for India and Pakistan has appointed a Sub-Committee to proceed to "Azad Kashmir" to study administrative problems relating to that territory.

Meaning to say, how to reconcile the present "Azad Kashmir" administration with "cease-fire" undertakings?

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Denouncing Communists Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan told the General Council of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation that reports of their activities proved that they were guilty of disloyalty to the Federation and had done their best to undermine its authority and to disrupt it from within.

But perhaps they owe a higher loyalty which justifies the means.

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Speaking at a Royal Asiatic Society meeting, Dr. Mulk Raj Anand—recently back from a conference of Intellectuals for World Peace in Wroclow, Poland—stressed the need for intensifying the call made by Pt. Nehru for ending of all forms of imperialism.

That is quite all right. But we perceive in Dr. Anand's plea a sort of implied approval of Pandit Nehru. And we warn Dr. Anand that he would be inviting on himself the wrathful disapproval of world intellectuals as represented by commentators in Moscow's "New Times", etc., etc. To say, nothing of Russian nationalists here at home.

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"If" said Dr. Anand, "we have respect for the Father of the Nation, we cannot even think of war."

If we have respect for the Father of the Nation, we cannot even think of many other things too.

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Mr. Yusuf Abdullah Haroon, says a Hyderabad (Sind) message, has been elected leader of the Sind Muslim League Assembly defeating Mir Ghulam Ali Talpur by 18 votes to 15.

Now we wait for the next Sind political sensation to break in due course.

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We note that the request of Pir Illahi Bakhsh and two others, who have been debarred from membership of the legislature, to take part in the voting was turned down.

Which we unhesitatingly deplore. It would have been so appropriate to the principles and traditions of Sind politics.

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Apropos of the report that Dr. Malan, the other day, "lost track of his notes" while speaking in the South African Assembly and suddenly sat down, it was later explained that there was nothing seriously wrong with the Premier and that he had suffered a temporary relapse due to overwork.

We should think that, on the contrary, there had always been something wrong with Dr Malan and that his sudden silence was due to a temporary relapse from his permanent relapse.

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Explaining what the Dutch could not and would not do, the new Netherlands Minister for Overseas Territories said at The Hague: "It cannot be repeated too often that both the Dutch Government and the Security Council have the same aims with respect to Indonesia."

If that were so then we, would, to put it very politely, be profoundly sorry for the Security Council.

ELECTIONS LEAVE TRAIL OF BITTERNESS

People Of Eire Determined To Annual Partition

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, (By Air Mail): The age-old conflict about the border between Northern and Southern Ireland will not be eased but intensified as the result of the general election which has just ended in Northern Ireland. Undoubtedly Sir Basil Brooke, the leader of the Unionist Party, will use the verdict of the electorate as a mandate against union with South, but those who know the working of democracy in this strange State, would think twice before accepting it as a sanction for perpetuating the partition of Ireland. Sir Basil Brooke, in his election manifesto, declared that the British Government at Westminster had agreed to abide by the decision of the Ulster people. "It is therefore imperative", he said, "that our determination to remain under the Union Jack should be immediately and overwhelmingly reaffirmed." It is not known what precise undertaking the Labour Government had given to the Unionist Leader. But if indeed, the Labour Government has decided to accept the vote as final settlement of the partition issue, it is assuming a responsibility for the creation of a situation in which it would itself be at loggerheads with the Government of Eire. The people of South were never more determined to annul the partition than today. An All-Party Conference, in the name of historic Irish Nation and on behalf of the overwhelming majority of the people of Ireland, has just issued a statement protesting against the partition of "our country". Great Britain, the statement says, has no more right to partition Ireland in the interest of a minority than Soviet Russia would have to partition some of the States of Eastern Europe for similar purposes." They would never accept the verdict of the electorate in the recent election as a verdict in favour of partition. A plebiscite to be real, they assert, must cover the whole country and not a small area.

ELECTIONS UNDEMOCRATIC

The State of Northern Ireland came into being in 1920 when the British Government solved the Irish problem by partitioning the country. The 26 counties in South became the Irish Free State and the six counties in North became the State of Northern Ireland. North continued to send representatives to the British Parliament and the British Government continued to exercise certain functions in relation to Northern Ireland. But at the same time a local two chamber legislature was set up. The Senate was elected by the House of Commons which consisted of 52 members. Elections were not due to take place till 1950. But the recent action of the Government of Eire to get out of the Commonwealth reinforced the determination of the Unionist Government of North to maintain the partition. To show to Britain and other parts of the world that the people of North Ireland were one with his Government on this issue he dissolved the Parliament and ordered general election. Undoubtedly a general election is a democratic device to ascertain the will of the people but the political set-up in North Ireland has its being in conditions which can never permit the exercise of democracy adequately. For the last 28 years it has not been possible for any but the Unionist Party to be in power and it will not be a surprise if the party continues to run the administration for another 28 years unless political processes are democratised and these will not be democratised while the minds of the Unionists are haunted by the fear of anti-partitionists seizing power.

The result of the elections was always a foregone conclusions.

REASONS OF UNIONIST VICTORY

There are four main reasons why the Unionists were bound to win: There are more Protestants than Catholics in the North. The electoral boundaries drawn up at the time of partition gave the Protestants overwhelming superiority in the voting. Voting register is out of date, only about 65 per cent of the eligible population being able to vote. Residential qualifications required tend to exclude anti-partition voters. The Irish All-Party Conference is not wrong in saying that the results of the elections are what the partition was designed to produce. The area was selected just for that purpose, the largest that "would give a permanent majority to the friends of the Tory Party in Britain."

LEAVES TRAIL OF BITTERNESS

The way the election was conducted could not but inflame the old hatred and passions. "It is not an election. It is a religious war," observed a British journalist. It was inspired by hatred and nourished by bigotry. It cannot but leave a trail of bitterness. Sir Basil Brooke has won an election, but kindled the fires of religious bigotry and hatred which will weaken his state. He himself set a bad example to his followers. "I ask you my soldiers," he said, "to march with me, Your battle cry is "No surrender". We are King's men". This cannot but create unhealthy reaction in South and it will not be a surprise if the extremist elements in South take measures to undo the partition. What will Britain do in that case? Will Britain send soldiers to repel the intruders from the South? Mr. Churchill some time ago said that those who wanted the reunion of the two parts of Ireland should woo and not rape North. But North has clearly shown that it is in no mood for being wooed. The people in Ireland blame Britain for creating the partition and maintaining it. Things hereafter will get progressively worse unless wisdom suddenly dawns on all parties concerned and they agree to sit round a table to end an age-old dispute.

GODSE'S APPEAL TO HIGH COURT

Division Bench To Be Set Up In April

SIMLA, Feb. 17 (UPI): Two lorry-loads of records of Mahatma Gandhi Murder Trial reached the East Punjab High Court today under armed police escort from Delhi.

The appeals filed by the accused Nathuram Godse and others through the jail authorities have not yet been received by the court here, it was stated.

Legal circles stated here today that a Division Bench would be constituted after the winter vacation, some time in April next to hear the appeals.

Paddy-Straw Prices

With a view to making the stocks of paddy-straw, which is also used as cattle-feed, available to the cattle-owners at reasonable rate, Government has issued a statutory order directing that no person in Greater Bombay and 47 villages in Thana District shall sell or cause to sell paddy-straw at a rate exceeding Rs. 45 per 1,000 lbs. in loose or baled condition. The order comes into force from 17th February, 1949. The order, has been published in iPart I of the Bombay Government "Gazette" dated the 17th February, 1949.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Railway Bookstalls

Sir,—We observe in one of the letters published in your "Bombay Chronicle", one Mr. C. B. L. Bhatnagar has mentioned our name and made certain statements on railway Bookstalls, which we think, is a gross mis-representation of facts.

Our Bookstall Agents are paid a minimum salary of Rs. 30/- plus a dearness allowance based on the cost of living index which works out to Rs. 34/- per mensem at present, in addition to 5 per cent commission on sales. For the maintenance of boys, an allowance of Rs. 15/- for each boy plus 2 per cent commission on the sale of periodicals is given to the Bookstall Agents. In addition, Bookstall Clerks are eligible for participation in the Provident Fund Scheme.

Whatever might be the prevailing conditions of service under other Railway Bookstall Contractors, the staff under Messrs. Higginbothams are receiving a far better treatment. On an average none of the Bookstall Agents, even the smallest of them, earns anything less than Rs. 110/- a month.—Yours etc.,

for HIGGINBOTHAMS
M. V. Raghavan,
Manager.

Vindictive Co-operation

Sir,—There is much agitation against consumers' societies in certain parts. Some are termed merchant societies and so on. As a matter of fact, all co-operative societies are semi-Government institutions under the control of the Registrar. As there is competition among them to get rationing work, the favoured ones are attacking the unfavoured ones without proper grounds to remove them from the field. Nobody cares to examine the constitution of the unfavoured societies.

The supply advisory committees are sentimental in their decisions. Sometimes they work on party politics, sometimes on communal grounds. They decide against bonafide societies when their party is in power. Government should have a keen eye and watchful so that injustice may not be done to any society in such committees. Members of the supply committees should not be chosen at random but ought to include all interests and be appointed if possible, on some elective principles.—Yours etc.,

N. M. MEHTA.

Surat.

Portuguese Presidential Election

Sir,—The Press has announced that General Norton De Matos, the rival candidate for the Presidentship of the Portugal Republic withdrew his candidature, leaving the field open to General Carmona, the Government nominee and that Portugal and Colonies had voted about 80 per cent in favour of General Carmona.

Being a supporter of the candidature of the General Norton De Matos, I wish to state the following facts:—

1 General Norton De Matos, at the very beginning of his electoral campaign, said in a public statement to the Voters in no uncertain terms that he would restore the civil liberties and establish a Constituent Assembly elected by a popular vote. At the same time, he made it quite clear that he would withdraw his candidature, in case the present Government refuse him the facilities for adequate election Propaganda Campaign, and if it would not guarantee impartiality at the elections.

The liberty for propaganda campaign was conceded, but not without some restrictions. Further even my own statement published in this city, in favour of General De Matos candidature, was banned from publication in Goa by the Portuguese Indian Censor.

3 All the Presidents of the electoral Assembly have been nominated by the Government in power. In virtue of the law now in force the Presidents have powers to choose the respective chairmen, who also take a very active part in the counting of votes. Naturally under these circumstances it is a field day for electoral malpractices. The Salazar Government in power never guaranteed against this unfair electoral malpractices, when asked by the opposition candidate, General De Matos.

In Goa, the Government had taken all measures to see that all Government servants and their relatives, merchants, and the public in general voted for President Carmona. The Goa Government also issued confidential orders, not to provide petrol to the Opposition Group. Inspite of this the people of Goa, went to the polls to demonstrate their antipathy to the present dictatorial regime.—Yours etc.,

CRISTOVAO FURTADO

Bombay, 15th Feb. 1949.

Why Endure Khidki?

Sir,—The box-office drive is often an overwhelming as to tempt the story-teller so to distort "Truth into Falsehood", "Beauty into Ugliness", "Virtue into Vice" that the result can be, and, often is on the Indian screen, a hideous distortion, a monstrosity.

One such picture running in Bombay to-day at the Kamal Cinema is called "Khidki" (Window). The story swings round a female competitive welfare centre on the one side and a male welfare centre on the other. Judging from what takes place within both, one can only say "God help the man and woman who runs that house", "God save the men and women who live inside that house". The production besides being an infamous slur on all social workers and on all social work in Bombay, is a criminal influence on the Golpitha crowd. It calls for universal protest, immediate removal and strongest censorship. I appeal to the Board of Censors, composed of some of my friends such as Kulsum Sayani, Zarina Currimbhoy, Keki Mody and others to (1) have this picture immediately destroyed or failing that, have it recut, retuned, and remoulded so as to make it presentable to decent society even if that be a poor one. (2) Tear up the song to Gandhiji. It is an insult to our deepest and most sacred feelings. It is desecration of the vilest nature. (3) If you cannot do either or both then I pray you resign in a body from the Board if you respect yourselves or if you desire us to respect you. What is the good of a Board of Censors that can overlook such filth. What is our Home Minister doing about it?—Yours etc.,

BAPUY SABAVALA

Wanted Discipline

Sir,—During the past one and half years' many crucial changes in the political, economic and social spheres have taken place; alien rule has disappeared and National Government has been formed.

But in one important respect we have not improved, viz., in discipline, we lack discipline in all sphere of activities be it at the bus-stop or railway station; the Cinema-house or exhibition; the playground or the public meeting places we display great indiscipline. We jostle and jam against each other, and dash and push people ahead of us and force our way ignoring the inconvenience and trouble we cause to those around us. This type of behaviour is a black-spot on us Indians and most unbecoming of our independent nation which has a glorious cultural past.

It is high time our leaders started a vigorous campaign to educate our countrymen to behave with decency at the public places and inculcated in them a sense of self discipline.—Yours etc.

ARJAN L. MAHTANI.

Karens Retreat Towards Insein

RANGOON, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter)—Government troops and Karen insurgents again fought bitterly today for possession of a Buddhist monastery, formerly a Karen stronghold, near Insein, 15 miles north of Rangoon.

Burma airforce planes gave protective cover to Government troops during a Karen counter-offensive to recapture the monastery, which changed hands several times yesterday.

Government troops withdrew after fierce fighting, but regrouped and drove the Karens out.

At Gyogon, one mil eto the south, government troops made a slight advance, the Karens retreating towards Insein.

Calcutta Electoral Rolls

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17 (API)—The draft electoral rolls for Calcutta are expected to be finally ready by the end of this month. The adult population is estimated to be a little over fifteen lakhs of which nearly thirteen lakhs have been enrolled as voters for elections under the new constitution.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Unnecessary Delay

General agreement will be felt in Asia with the Soviet delegate's "strong objection" in the Security Council to a delay of 15 days asked by the U.N. Indonesian Committee before it reported on the situation in Indonesia. The Commission was required to make its report and recommendations in terms of the Security Council resolution by February 15, in case the parties to the dispute had failed to implement the instructions of the Security Council. As the Soviet delegate, M. Jacob Malik, pointed out the Dutch Government had not yet shown any such signs of obeying the Security Council's resolution. That having been on February 15, the undoubted fact the duty of the U.N. Commission was clear. It was to report Dutch failure and to make its own recommendations on the basis of that failure. We want to give the Commission the credit of an earnest desire to secure a peaceful solution and, because of that desire, of eagerness to take advantage of every promising opportunity for settlement by negotiation. But was there any such encouragement?

Final Dutch Answer

The Commission asked for an extra 15 days for its report "in the light of recent developments at The Hakue" Perhaps the Commission was led to entertain hopes in the resignation of the Minister for Overseas Territories. If that is so, the successor to Dr. Sassen has decisively destroyed those hopes. In a speech to the second Dutch Chamber, the new Minister, M.J.H. Van Maraseven, declared on February 16, that the Dutch Government could not possibly fulfil the demands of the Indonesian Republicans that all political prisoners be freed and the former Republican authority in Jogjakarta be restored. Mr. Van Maraseven put it as "Republican demands", but it happens to constitute the preliminary and basic instruction issued by the Security Council. The Dutch Government has thus refused to comply with a vital order. And, of course, the Minister has also repeated the old assertion that the implementation of the Security Council resolution would lead to "chaos." The situation is clear, the Dutch have definitely rejected the call of the Security Council—and, be it noted, this rejection was announced by the new Minister and, moreover, on February 16. There is no excuse now for the U.N. Commission to delay the execution of its own duty.

A Heinous Crime

Says a Cape Town message dated February 16: South-West Africa and the Union of South Africa have reached an agreement, which will mean "a very big change" in the former's status, Prime Minister Daniel Malan, told the Union Assembly to-day. It was, incidentally, probably during this speech that, as another report says, Dr. Malan suffered "a temporary relapse" that is, he lost "track of his notes" and suddenly sat down. It is, of course, too much to expect that Dr. Malan had a sudden attack of conscience and realising with a shock that he was indulging in unconscionable and inhuman cynicism, he almost collapsed. But what he did say about South West Africa was a deliberate untruth and an inhuman cynicism. South West Africa has not reached any agreement and has not pronounced in favour of a merger with Dr. Malan's South Africa. That is to say, if by South West Africa is meant what any honest—we repeat, honest—interpretation would affirm, namely, the natives of South West Africa. They were not consulted. What is more, no sane man can possibly agree that the natives of South West Africa would voluntarily doom their destiny and their future by joining South Africa and accepting the conditions under which South African natives are suffering. What is being attempted against South West Africa is not only dishonest but, considering the helplessness of the people, also a particularly heinous and revolting crime.

Cotton Prices

Dr. Shyam Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, said that the Government had received complaints that the ceiling and floor prices of cotton fixed were not quite fair. Indian Central Cotton Committee had also made recommendations. The Government had considered the matter very carefully and they did not propose to make any adjustment. It is true that the midst of the season, such an act will disturb the entire control of cloth but this does not mean that the complaints made were unjust. It is as clear as daylight that we are paying considerably higher prices for imports from foreign countries and our cotton-growers are penalised. The Minister should have given a convincing reply explaining the rights and wrongs of the adjustment. In fairness to cotton-growers the Minister should have explained why the prices fixed were comparatively lower and what led the Government to make this blunder. However he promised to examine the matter before next season started and to consult the Provincial Governments and producers. Cotton is an international commodity and neither provincial Governments nor producers have means to know the trend of raw cotton prices next year. It is true that speculative operations on cotton exchanges often unduly raise or lower prices but for this reason why should cotton-growers be punished? We want to increase the production of raw cotton to meet the requirements of the textile industry. Are we asked to believe that this sort of attitude towards cotton-growers is calculated to induce them to co-operate with the Government's aims to grow more cotton?

OPEN AIR

The seashore has its special type of vegetation just as other localities have theirs. Well above the tide-line the towering coconut trees rustle as the breeze blows through their huge fronds. In the dry sand dunes, we find numbers of xerophytic plants which are specially adapted to withstand the salt breezes which would wither more delicate plants. The Madar and Thorn Apple, even on the seashore, grow into quite large, bushy plants and flower freely. Then there is the Solanum, with its prickly leaves and stems, and yellow, cup-shaped flowers. The Goat's Foot Creeper, which has thick fleshy, bi-lobed leaves and attractive mauve, trumpet-shaped flowers, creeps over the sand, forming a veritable carpet. As we go lower down the shore beyond the tide-line, we find large tracts of Mangrove, interspersed with bushes of the holly-like Acanthus. Twice each day, as the tide comes up over the shore, the roots of these plants are submerged, and to enable them to retain their hold on the shifting sand they send down from their stems "stilt-roots" which penetrate deep down and enable the plants to resist the pressure of the water. The mangrove has very small, insignificant flowers, and its seeds germinate while still attached to the tree, falling to the ground only when they have developed their roots.

Norway Expected To Say "No" To Russia

OSLO, February 16 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Norway would reply with a definite but polite "no" to Russia's suggestion, made 11 days ago, of a non-agression pact between the two countries, well-informed circles here believed.

Political circles here forecast a new move by Russia and unconfirmed rumours said the Soviet Ambassador had asked for an early interview with Mr Halvard Lange, Norwegian Foreign Minister.

Mr. Lange who reported to the cabinet within a few hours of returning from his atlantic pact mission to Washington and London, was conferring here today with the Danish Prime Minister, Mr. Hans Hedtoft.

INDIA'S ROLE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

"We Do Not Hanker After Leadership" Says Krishna Menon

CAMBRIDGE, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter), Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, High Commissioner for India in Britain, told members of the Cambridge University Majlis at their annual dinner in Cambridge last night that there were people, not in India and not her leaders, who spoke about India's role of "leader" in South East Asia.

"We have no passion, no desire, no hankering after leadership of that kind in that part of the world" Mr. Menon said. "I think it is a bad day when a country professes to lead other countries. We have seen enough of it".

Nevertheless, India would stand by and do the best she could for those peoples, who were still of colonial status, but not by waging war.

To a recent suggestion that Indian students in Britain were not properly looked after, the High Commissioner said, "In my day they were rather averse to being looked after, not frightened exactly but they did not approve of it.

"I have discovered that on the average I see about 40 students a month with all their file of papers and everything else". Mr. Menon continued "you will find that we may be a little less liberal than we have been in recent times regarding sending people abroad in the future, because there is an enormous amount of feeling in India that resources should be conserved in the country. Whether we should conserve them by not sending people abroad to open their minds is left to the future".

"India was now a politically independent country but she had to implement that independence in terms of enabling her people to rise to the fullness of their stature", Mr. Menon said.

"We are turning the corner", Mr. Menon added. "There have been troubles and difficulties but by and large we are getting over them.

"We have achieved in India today what has not been possible over 200 years, namely a unification of our territory. There has been a cooling of some parts, but what has remained has become united".

TWO RHODESIAS AND NYASALAND FEDERATE

VICTORIA FALLS, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter): Delegates from Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, who yesterday agreed to federate their territories, have already reached agreement on a wide range of constitutional problems, a Conference Communique reported later.

The Federal States will be administered by a Governor-General with a central two-chamber system of Government.

The Government will be responsible for defence, trade, currency, naturalisation of aliens, law, control and acquisition of railways, immigration and emigration, communications, agriculture and economic development.

The Government will also take over irrigation schemes. The Zambesi will be an international river.

Representation in the Federal Government will be discussed by a Judiciary and Constitutional Committee.

Controversial issues, such as the rights of Africans, and constitutional matters, were discussed "frankly and at length" before being referred to committees, the Communique said.

Ban On Movement Of Groundnut Oilcakes

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Under the Bombay Essential Commodities and Cattle (Control) Act, the Government of Bombay have prohibited the movement of groundnut oilcakes except under a permit. Under the same order no miller shall after March 1 carry on the business of producing groundnut oilcakes without a license. Dealers in oilcakes will also be licensed under this order.

The order has been published in the Government Gazette on February 15.

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CONTROLLED PRICES OF CHARCOAL DUST AND POWDER

Under Clause 16 of the Bombay Charcoal and Firewood Trade Licensing Order, 1949, the Government of Bombay has fixed the wholesale rates per ton ex-depot in Greater Bombay and Scheduled villages, the prices of charcoal dust (Matti) and Charcoal Powder (Chhari) at Rs. 20 and Rs. 30 respectively. The relevant notification fixing these prices has been published in the Government of Bombay Gazette Extraordinary, Part I, dated 16th February, 1949.

MAKE RAJASTHAN A DAZZLING JEWEL IN INDIAN CROWN

Lohia Pleads For Acceptance Of Movement Committee's Seven Points

LUCKNOW, Feb. 17 (UPI): Dr. Rammanohar Lohia, the Socialist Leader, in a press statement, has put in a strong plea in support of the seven demands which the Rajasthan Movement Committee has placed before the Government of India, as "the inevitable concomitant of the new province."

Dr. Lohia says: "With the horse-dealing now going on in Delhi between the States Ministry on the one hand and the Princes and Rajputana Congressmen on the other in regard to princely status and Ministerial personnel and total disregard of people's requirements, and with the grievous example of Madhya Bharat and Vindhya Pradesh before us, the Rajasthan Movement Committee must denounce the India Government's plan as a hurtful parody of the great idea of Rajasthan.

ACT OF CREATION

"The formation of a province is an act of creation that should bring joy to the people and the spirit to adventure into a new and bold life. But the India Government is producing a monstrous Rajasthan, a body without life, that will intensify the 21 particularisms of Rajputana States, that will raise frontiers on land but reinforce them in men's hearts, that will increase rivalries and intrigues, corruption and unemployment, that will replace the hesitant autocracy of princes with the full-blooded tyranny of a Ministry without Legislature. The India Government have done nothing beyond acknowledging the very moderate practical and essential representations of the Rajasthan Committee. Each of the seven listed items is an inevitable concomitant of the new province and none that cannot be worked out at once. But a curse seems to have fallen on the States Ministry that deadens creation into a dull and listless pursuit.

"But the people of India and, in particular, of Rajasthan can yet turn this vast area with a density of 100 to the square mile compared with all India's 200 and U.P.'s 500, into a green and luscious valley at greater speed than elsewhere. The Rajasthan Movement Committee appeals to every village and town in Rajasthan to assemble to debate these seven items, to resolve in accordance with them and to elect a committee of five. Men and women whom another province now claims but whose ancestry binds them to the chivalrous memories of Rajasthan must play their part and elect similar committees. Should such a spontaneous movement grow, the India Government will be compelled to revise its policy. Rajasthan will then truly become a land of plenty and bravery, a dazzling jewel in the bright crown of India."

7 POINTS OF COMMITTEE

The seven items of the Rajasthan Movement Committee on their demand of the new province of Rajasthan are as follows:

(1) The election of a Legislative Assembly for the province within six months of its formation on the basis of Adult Franchise, so that a nominated and irresponsible Ministry may not long oppress the people, and elections to be held under impartial aegis.

(2) The appointment of a Commission to delimit the province into sensible districts and their administration according to the principle of the four pillar state, so that elected bodies in the districts and villages may enjoy wide powers of Government.

(3) Finance, taxation, nation-building expenditure, labour legislation to conform to all India standards; the immediate introduction of civil liberties and complete stoppage of all evictions until the principle of "land to the tiller" is embodied in a new agrarian law.

(4) The appointment of a Committee to standardise services, their grades and scales of pay, absorption of retrenched Government servants into the economic plans of the new Government.

(5) Immediate action on a district wise economic plan for Rajasthan; both small scale and large scale, for agriculture, mining and industry.

(6) Inclusion of Sirohi, Ajmer, Jaisalmer, Bharatpur and Dholpur into the new province, the last two to be excluded only if a plebiscite of the people so decides.

(7) Legislative Assembly to decide the question of capital, meanwhile Ajmer to serve as capital.

KARNATAK CONGRESS OPPOSES SANGLI SCHEME

Favours Formation Of Krishna Valley District

HUBLI, Feb. 14.

The Council of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee in a special meeting held at Jath on 12-2-49, examined the District and taluka formation proposals of Bombay Government at length and urged the Government to abandon the Sangli District scheme as it was detrimental to the interests of Karnatak in as much as it involved tagging on of Kannada areas of the proposed Miraj and Jath talukas to a predominantly Marathi district. The Council expressed its firm opinion that Government should give consideration to linguistic and cultural homogeneity, geographical contiguity and administrative convenience while creating districts out of the merged States' areas as that alone was conducive to the development of harmonious relations between the linguistic groups inhabiting Bombay Province. The forth-coming merger of Kolhapur State necessitated a recasting of Government's proposals in this regard and Government could give effect to the above considerations while taking up the matter. The Council welcomed, as a step in the right direction, the Karnatak Ekikaran Mahasamiti's proposal of a Krishna Valley district, with Miraj as head-quarters, comprising Miraj taluka as proposed by the Government, Kannada parts of Kolhapur namely, Hatkanagale and Shirol Pethas, northern parts of Ichalakaranji and Kagal Sr. Jahagirs, and Rayabag Mahal and two talukas of Belgaum district namely, Athani and Chikodi. This district should be joined to the southern division to which also should be added Sholapur and Kolhapur districts while excluding therefrom Ratnagiri and Kolaba district.

If for administrative reasons Government deemed it essential that Satara district should be bifurcated, this it could do by forming a predominantly Marathi district consisting of the Kolhapur State minus its Kannada parts and such of the talukas of Satara district as might be deemed necessary. The Council in this connection warned Government that Karnatak opposed formation of heterogenous districts like Sangli and foisting of such arrangements would lead to serious complications.

GREAT INJUSTICE

As to Jath, the Council felt that great injustice had already been done by including it in the Sangli group of States and the Sangli District scheme sought only to perpetuate the highly inconvenient and unjust arrangement. The Council, therefore, called upon Government to terminate the arrangement forthwith and join it to Bijapur with which it had been for generations linked politically, administratively, economically, educationally, linguistically and otherwise.

Coming to other details the Council asked that Gadhinglaj Petha of Kolhapur being a predominantly Kannada area should be joined to Belgaum district and a Kannada subdivision with Sholapur as headquarters be created in Sholapur district consisting of Mangalwedha taluka of Sangli, contiguous parts of Indi taluka of Bijapur, Kannada parts of Sholapur district and Akulkot taluka as proposed by the Government.

Limitation Of Dividend Bill

STOCK EXCHANGES' DEPUTATION BEFORE SELECT COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (UPI): A deputation of the members of the Calcutta, Bombay and Madras Stock Exchanges appeared before the Select Committee on the Limitation of Dividend Bill and presented their view points. There was frank discussion and all questions put by the members were replied to by the deputationists.

The deputationists clearing defined the role of investors who, according to them, constitute separate class drawn largely from the middle class people.

They contended that the limitation of Dividend Bill would neither serve the purpose of the Government as anti-inflationary measure, nor promote the growth of industries, but would hit the investors who are already hard hit. Some concrete proposals to improve the Bill were also made.

The deputationists were given a very patient and sympathetic hearing by the members of the Select Committee.

The deputationists included Mr. Biswambarnath Chaturvedi, President of the Committee of the Calcutta Stock Exchange Mr. J. R. P. Shroff, President of the Bombay Stock Exchange and Mr. Narayan Swami, representative of the Madras Stock Exchange.

Durban Riots 'Caused By European Incitement'

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7. That the deeds of the present Government "in depriving Indians of family allowances and pensions and propagating their repatriation, in stigmatising them as foreign elements here to the disadvantage of everyone in South Africa and stigmatising them as an undesirable population have led to a certain feeling among certain people which these people could shew best by attacks."

8. That in the Zeerust, Rustenburg and Greatmarico districts of Transvaal and other places "certain European organisations actively propagated race hatred against what they call undesirable elements."

9. That speeches made by Ministers of the present Government—by Prime Minister Dr. Daniel Malan, by Dr. T. E. Donges (Interior), Mr. H. J. Schoeman (Labour), Mr. C. R. Swart (Justice) and others—had the effect of propagating hatred in Europeans and Africans.

"And we want to show that with all this working up of hostility there was great likelihood of an explosion" Dr. Lowen added.

A LEGITIMATE PRIVILEGE

Dr. Lowen said he could promise that cross-examination would be legitimate and unabusive.

As far as the South African Indian Congress was concerned he had been instructed to say he was appearing for 250,000 Indians in South Africa.

The African National Congress represented all African interests in South Africa.

He appeared also for the Council for Asiatic Rights.

In addition to Chairman, Mr. Van Den Heever, the Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg Mr. R. Masson, and the Chief Magistrate of Durban, Mr. H. F. W. Schuls, are on the Commission.

HINDU CODE BILL

Speaker's Ruling On Naziruddin's Point Of Order

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (API): The Speaker, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, today gave his ruling on the point of order raised by Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed during the last August session of the Assembly as to whether the Hindu Code Bill which the Select Committee had considered and reported on was the same Bill which was referred to it or a substitute of the original Bill in revised form which the Law Department had circulated to them subsequently.

The Speaker held that "on the facts as disclosed by records I am clear that the Select Committee had given full and due consideration to the substantive provisions of the Bill that was referred to them and the present motion of the Honourable Law Minister is therefore competent and in order".

The Speaker gave his ruling when, after passage the Banking Companies Bill, the Law Minister Dr. Ambedkar sought to move the consideration of the Hindu Code Bill.

GALLERIES PACKED WITH WOMEN

The galleries were packed with women, who for the past three days have been attending the Assembly in the expectation that the Bill would be taken up. When Dr. Ambedkar rose amidst applause to move for consideration of the Bill at 4-45 p.m. today, simultaneously Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava drew the Speaker's attention to the point or order that had been raised by Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed in August last.

Mr. Jaspat Ray Kapoor who was also on his feet wanted to raise a fresh point of order questioning the competency of the House in its present session to take the Bill into consideration.

The Speaker called him to order pointing out that this could be raised after he had given his ruling.

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY SESSION OPENS IN CITY TODAY

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of certain communities are entitled to dispose of unclaimed dead bodies from the hospitals and public places, even when no relationship exists between the deceased and those disposing of such bodies. This has created an acute scarcity of dead bodies needed for dissection purposes in the medical institutions of the Province.

KARNATAK UNIVERSITY

An important Bill for the present session pertains to the establishment of the Karntak University in the Province of Bombay. The Bill follows the lines of the Poona University Bill and is a part of Government's scheme for decentralisation and re-organisation of University education. Provisions regarding jurisdiction, powers and affiliation are analogous to the Poona University Act, while the nomenclature and constitution of the various bodies follow the recommendations of the Karnatak University Committee.

PRISONERS FROM PAKISTAN

There is a bill on the anvil which provides for the reception, detention and trial of prisoners transferred from Pakistan to the Province of Bombay. This Bill has become necessary as under the agreement between the Governments of India and Pakistan regarding exchange of prisoners, India will receive prisoners from Pakistan, some of them will be sent to Bombay.

NON-OFFICIAL MEASURES

There are a number of non-Official Bills, motions and resolutions. A motion by Mr. H. I. Kalyani asks that the proceedings of the House be recorded in Hindustani in the Deonagari script and that the debate be allowed in all the recognised languages of the Province. Mr. A. J. Doddameti's resolution recommends to Government to appoint a Committee of "psychologists, scientists, philosophers and other persons to investigate into the causes for the existence and growth of the communal feeling in the Province", and root out communalism by adopting appropriate measures.

LINGUISTIC PROVINCES

Mr. V. P. Pawar has tabled a resolution recommending to the Government to communicate to the Indian Constituent Assembly through the India Government that the Linguistic Provinces of Maharashtra (including Bombay), Karnatak and Gujarat be formed without delay. Similar resolutions about the formation of Linguistic Provinces are tabled by two other members.

Mr. G. W. Joshi, in a set of five resolutions, has asked that (1) arrangement should be made for a thorough medical examination of all the students in the primary schools and for free medical relief; (2) that water works, electric concerns, transport and similar services be municipalised; (3) that Government should take necessary steps to penalise the publication of obscene and false advertisement in newspapers; (4) that Government should penalise the using of the names of national leaders on the sign-boards of hotels, hair-cutting saloons, bidi shops and similar institutions, as such use lowers the dignity of the leaders and offends public sentiment, and (5) Government should not issue the S. S. C. Examination certificate to a student after his passing the examination unless he produces a certificate from a competent authority that he has made literate 50 persons in towns or villages.

Another resolution of Mr. Doddamati wants Government to declare all properties belonging to Hindu temples and Maths as public properties and accordingly transfer their administration to Boards or Panchayats.

Mr. J. H. Shamhhuddin has a resolution asking for the separation of the Judiciary and the Executive.

Mr. A. H Mirza wants a separate university for women.

OPENING DAY'S AGENDA

Today's agenda includes the swearing in of new members, a reference to the death of Dr. R. K. Shirodkar, nomination of four chairmen by the Speaker and the nomination of the four members on the Committee of Petitions, questions and answers and Government Bills, which include a Bill to amend the Bombay City Land Revenue Act, a Bill to amend the Bombay Village Police Act, a Bill to amend the Bombay Prevention of Hindu Bigamous Marriages Act, the Bill to amend the Bombay Probation of Offenders Act, a Bill to amend the Prisoners' Act, the Bill to amend the Bombay Motor Vehicles Tax Act, the Bill to amend the Agriculturists' Loan Act, and the Bill to provide for the Supply of Unclaimed Bodies of deceased persons to hospitals and Medical teaching Institutions.

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS

38. The Hair-Oil Dealer

Here is the last hope of all the bald pates. He has a miracle oil to sell and each bottle has a label that gives this guarantee:
Oil to grow hair on Bald Heads.
Oil to make your hair grow fast.
Perfumed oil, to attract the attention of the fair sex.
Oil to make your hair grow thicker.
Oil to make your hair wavy.
Oil to make your hair shiny and glistening.
and
King Cocoanut Oil,—to remove Dandruff, clean the scalp and make grey hair Black and Lustrous.
All at Rs. 1/8 per bottle and GUARANTEED.
(If you don't get these results, come back IN ONE MONTH and your money will be refunded).

Peiping Mayor To See Mao Tse Tung

NANKING, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter): Communist Mayor of Peiping, General Yeh Chien Ying was reported by usually reliable sources today to have agreed to be a representative of the Shanghai non-partisan Peace Delegation to go to Communist territory to interview General Mao Tse Tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party.

Either the delegation leader, Dr. W. W. Yen or Shao Li Tze, former Ambassador to Moscow, is expected to be chosen for the interview at which the time and place for official Government Communist peace negotiations are expected to be arranged.

The meeting is likely to take place at Shichiachuang, south-west of Peiping.

SUN FO NOT TO RESIGN

NANKING, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter): Yu Yu-Jen, President of the all-powerful Chinese Control Yuan, has denied reports that Dr. Sun Fo, the Prime Minister was resigning and that President Li Tsung-Jen had offered the Premiership to General Ho Ying-Chin, former Defence Minister.

Dutch Cabinet Discussions With Dr. Beel

THE HAGUE, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter): The Netherlands Cabinet today discussed the Indonesian question with Dr. Louis Beel, High Commissioner in Indonesia, for two and a half hours.

There have been rumours of disagreement between the Cabinet and Dr. Beel, but well informed sources concluded from today's talk that there was "reason for optimism".

Before the Cabinet met Dr. Beel, it had been forecast that one of the main topics would be the release of the Indonesian Republican leaders.

Indian Cabinet Discusses Food Situation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (API): The Indian Cabinet today is reported to have discussed the food situation in the country.

The possibility of immediately diverting some of the present acreage under certain commercial to high yielding crops was considered at the meeting as one of the measures to increase food production.

The subject will be further discussed here with some Provincial representatives today.

Harijans To Sing 'Bhajans' In Bombay Temple

BOMBAY, Feb. 17 (A.P.I.): For the first time in the history of the Laxminarayan temple at Madhav Baug in central Bombay, a party of Harijans will recite "bhajans" and other devotional songs on March 5.

This was decided at the annual general meeting of the Bombay Provincial Board of the Harijan Sevak Sangh held at the Secretariat today under the Presidentship of Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Finance Minister.

The Madhav Baug temple had been thrown open to Harijans as early as last year, but no organised programme of devotional recitals had been held. It is proposed that fifty parties of Harijans totalling nearly 2,000 would congregate at the temple on the night of March 5 and offer prayers.

Nehru "Might Accept" Invitation To Visit Washington

LONDON (UPA): Responsible indian sources here said it was possible that Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru "might accept President Truman's long standing invitation to visit Washington".

They cited Nehru's announcement in New Delhi that a "treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation with the United States is being considered" which, they said, underlines the possibility of Nehru accepting the President's invitation.

The sources said that with a settlement of Indo-Pakistan differences Nehru would now "be less pre-occupied with internal affairs and would be able to give more attention to his office as Minister of External Affairs"

It also was recalled that a high source in the British Government recently said there was a strong possibility of a Commonwealth Conference "somewhere in the Western hemisphere" either before or after the April session of the United Nations.

Responsible Indian sources surmised that Nehru might time his acceptance of Truman's invitation coincident with the projected Commonwealth Conference and also to lead the Indian delegation at Lake Success for a while.

If Nehru accepts the President's invitation it would be his first visit to the United States.

Vocational Training For Refugees

RAJKOT, Feb. 17 (API): Two vocational training centres for imparting training to refugees in electro-mechanics, radio-mechanics, machine-knitting and other useful vocations for refugees will be started at Junagadh and Bhavnagar in a short time.

The decision was taken at a meeting held recently between representatives of the Government of India and the Minister of Refugees, Saurashtra.

A Committee with Mr. Samaldas Gandhi, Saurashtra's Minister for Refugees, as Chairman, has been formed to execute the scheme.

Stop Press

MOSCOW ACCEPTS BRITAIN'S NOMINEE FOR TRIESTE GOVERNORSHIP

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 17 (UPA):—Russia announced in the United Nations Security Council today that she would accept one of Britain's nominee for Governor of Trieste. Soviet Delegate, Jacob Malik said Russia would agree to the appointment of Col. Hermann Slugkgher, Switzerland's Minister to Moscow.

DR. TAI CHI-TAO DEAD

SANTINEKETAN, Feb. 17 (API): News has been received in Santiniketan of the passing away at Canton of Dr. Tai Chi-Tao, China's great poet-philosopher and former President of the Executive Yuan of the National Government.

SIND CABINET

HYDERABAD, (Sind), Feb. 17 (API): The new Sind Cabinet is expected to be sworn in at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at Hyderabad. Mr. Yusuf Haroon had a talk in Karachi this afternoon with the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan. Mr. Haroon is leaving for Hyderabad tomorrow morning.

HO CHI MINH JOINS TSE TUNG?

BANGKOK, Feb. 17 (A.P.I.): Marshal Songkram said he had just received information from Paris that H Chi Minh, leader of the Vietnam Nationalists fighting the French in Indo-China, had "definitely joined hands" with the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-Tung. This and developments in Burma, he told a press conference, had increased Siam's anxiety over "Communist infiltration, insidious propaganda and war of nerves."

People IN THE NEWS

SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL

MADRAS, Feb. 17 (UPI): According to latest information received by the Government, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, is arriving here from Nagpur on the evening of February 21.

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B. G. KHER

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, will leave Bombay for Delhi, on the morning of Saturday, February 19, by air and return on Sunday, February 20, also by air.

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M. P. PATIL

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Forests and Agriculture, will leave Bombay for Derol, in Panch Mahals district, on Saturday, February 19, and return on Monday, February 21.

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GULZARILAL NANDA

Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister for Labour and Housing, will give a talk to the students of Siddarth College, Bombay, on "Some Aspects of Economic Situation", at 9 a.m. today at the College premises.

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G. D. TAPASE

Mr. G. D. Tapase, Minister for Industries, Fisheries and Backward Classes, will leave Bombay for Satara on Saturday, February 19. From Satara, he will proceed to visit Akluj, Malshiras and Piliv in Sholapur District and return to Bombay on the morning of Monday, February 21.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

The Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh accompanied by Kunwarani Mahinder Singh and attended by Mr. L. M. Nadkarni, I.C.S., Private Secretary and Mrs. Nadkarni and Mr. R. S. Modi, A.D.C., returned from tour.

The Governor received Mrs. S. A. Waiz, Miss Waiz, Mr. Pran Krishen, Mr. Jaimani Dewan and Mr. R. D. Doshi.

Rani Maharaj Singh received Mr. Bonebehary Ghosh and Mr. Natwarlal Dahyabhai.

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DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17, (U.P.I.): Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President, Constituent Assembly of India and President, All-India Gandhi National Memorial Fund is leaving for Agra by car tomorrow (Friday) afternoon to make a tour in connection with collections for the Gandhi National Memorial Fund. He will also address a mass public meeting there.

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MAJ.-GEN. KHUBCHAND

BERLIN, Feb. 17, (PTI-Reuter): Major-General Khubchand, head of the Indian Military Mission in Berlin, returned here by air last night from a ten-day tour of the British occupied zone during which he conferred with high British and German officials.

Sweetmeat Workers' Strike Suspended

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

The General Secretary of the Bombay Farsan and Sweetmeat Staff Union writes: As per the notice served on 31st January 1949, 5,000 workers engaged in the Sweetmeat manufacturing concerns had gone on a strike.

The Deputy Director of Labour Mr. Abhyankar after hearing the Union case and the employers today requested the Union to suspend the strike and allow the Government a chance to settle the dispute.

The Union has been thereon decided to suspend the strike from the 17th of February on the understanding that if the employers prove adamant the workers would start the strike without any further notice.

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CONTROLLED PRICES OF BADAMI CHARCOAL

Under Clause 16 of the Bombay Charcoal and Firewood Trade Licensing Order, 1949, the Government of Bombay have fixed the prices of Badami Charcoal both wholesale and retail in Greater Bombay and the Scheduled villages at Rs. 62 per ton ex-factory. Wholesale sale means sale of 5 Bengal maunds and over. Retail prices have been fixed at Re. 1 per quarter, delivery free at consumers' residence. The Notification fixing these prices has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette, Extraordinary, Part I, dated 16th February, 1949.

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CONTROLLED PRICE OF PADDY-STRAW

With a view to making the stocks of paddy-straw, which is also used as cattle-feed, available to the cattle-owners at reasonable rate, Government has issued a statutory order directing that no person in Greater Bombay and 47 villages in Thana District shall sell or cause to sell paddy-straw at a rate exceeding Rs. 45/- per 1,000 lbs. in loose or baled condition. The order comes into force from 17th February 1949. The order, has been published in Part I of the Bombay Government Gazette dated the 17th February, 1949.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

TATA STEELS IMPROVE ON BULL SUPPORT AND COVERING

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was steady today with moderate support from professional bull operators in Steel Shares. This buying support induced scattered shorts covering which resulted in modest gains in Tata Steel shares. It may be mentioned that tomorrow being settlement day, bulls were included to harden steel shares, so that they may not have to pay much.

At the opening Tata Steel Defd. shares were quoted at Rs. 1600/- and after advancing at Rs. 1607/8 steadied at Rs. 1605/- Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 293/- and improved at Rs. 294/-.

Bombay Dyeing shares were done at Rs. 942-8 and Central Indias were quoted at Rs. 237-8. Gokaks came in business at Rs. 278-2 while Kohinoors were steady at Rs. 277-8. Simplex shares were quoted at Rs. 178 and Swadeshi shares were done at Rs. 277-8.

Associated Cements were quoted at Rs. 151-4. Bellapurs were placed at Rs. 218-12 and Burmas stood around Rs. 275. Scindia shares were quoted at Rs. 18-8. New Indias were quoted at Rs. 61-8. The market closed steady with restricted business.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (12-)	940 0
Kohinoor Mills (6)	276 0
Swadeshi Mills (22)	276 8
Central India Mills (4)	236 0
Simplex Mills (8)	177 0
New Great Eastern (10)	160 8
Indore (9 plus 3)	175 0
Gokak Mill (20)	279 0
Century Spinning (15)	235 0
Colaba (12)	145 0
India Bleaching (6)	151 0
Swan Mills (20)	310 0
Finlay Mill (15)	272 8
Morarji Goculdas XD	670 0
Edward Sassoon (20) XR	340 0
Meyer (12) XD	115 0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 13
India United Ord (0-13-9)	11 1
India United Defd. (1-1-6)	1 9
Madhusudan Mills (15)	185 0
Podar (5)	140 0
Khatau Makanji (8)	105 0
Indore Coupon	82 8
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	293 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1607 8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	137 8
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	151 4
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	276 4
Belapur Sugar (9)	220 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	28 8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	18 10
Premier Construction	116 8
Tata Chemical	12 4
Tata Oil (2)	65 0
Indian Iron (0-12)	23 4
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	21 2
British India Corp. (6-10)	8 11
I. Copper	2 3 6
Wimco X R	190 0
Alcock	272 8
Belapur Coupon	50 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (4-4-0)	153 8
Andhra Valley (45)	1427 8
Tata Power (50)	1515 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	65 0
Phoenix Mills (50) X R	220 0
Indian Manufacturing	4350 0
Kooria Mills (8)	120 0
New City Mills (10)	200 0
Minerva	123 12
Bradbury	587 8
Bharat Mills (2)	30 12
Bharatiya Defd (6-4)	5 0
Bharat Mills (2)	22 0
Mysore Spg Mills (8)	172 8
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	15 0
Model Mills (12-8)	180 0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	595 0
Vishnu Cotton (8)	202 8
Western India (40)	4070 0
Bhoiapur Mills (200)	3500 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	18 8
Hindustan Mills (40)	4225 0
Tata Mills (3)	57 4
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	358 12
Ahmedabad Advance New	196 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 4
New Union Mills (0-8)	13 8
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	175 0
Rao Bahadur Poona (4)	100 0
Barar Mills	390 0
Victoria Mills	220 0
Colaba Land Coupon	42 0
New Great New	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	120 10
Ahmedabad New	13 12
Surat Electricity (2-8)	10 1
Kesoram Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-8)	10 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 7
Amalgamated (0-12)	12 8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	20 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	150 0
Bombay Suburban (3)	151 4
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	141 4
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1855 0
Imperial Bank of India (8-12	460 0
Central Bank	87 0
Central Bank New (1-8)	85 0
Bank of India (4) XR	196 0
Union (0-8)	7 12
Bank of Baroda (2-5)	138 4
[illegible] Bank (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial (1-8)	58 12
Jammu Bank (1-8)	25 0
Hindustan Commercial	48 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	20 8
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) XD	4100 0
Empire (10)	670 0
New India (1-8)	63 4
Jupiter (1-4)	21 0
Vulcans (0-10)	11 11
Indian Mercantile (2)	30 0
Universal (0-4)	11 0
B.I.G (1)	18 1
Industrial and Prudential	30 1
Neptune Assurance	9 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	17 0
RAILWAY SHARES	
Central Provinces (1-14)	112 12
Parbhani Jamner Rly (2-8)	120 0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (10)	347 8
Bombay Burma New (5)	103 12
Burma Petrol	1 12
Mackenzie (6)	58 0
Port Canning (2)	66 0
Remi and Co (20)	442 8
Kemp and Co (New)	442 8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (44)	80 0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	36 8
Mukund Iron	19 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18 0
Alembic (15)	192 8
	144 8
Supreme India XR	123 12
Jam Wire (8)	67 8
Bombay Uganda	69 0
Bombay Motor Cycle	34 0
Indian Cement (1937)	25 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	137 8
United Motor	74 0
Associated Cement New (1-4)	145 0
Bombay Gate Deposit (37)	1005 8
Hydarv Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbonic XD	170 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	60 0
Manmad Press	130 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	181 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1447 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1235 0
Hydro Electric (7)	123 2
Bombay Steamer (6)	308 12
Central India (5)	625 0
Swadeshi Mills	128 12
Vishnu Mills (7)	533 12
Lakshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	99 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	116 4
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Premier Construction 1st (6 1/4)	120 0
Amalgamated (5-8)	122 2
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	102 8
Rubab	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	131 14
Walchand Nagar Inds (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	80 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	13 6
Khatau Mills	104 0
Morarji	104 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Sume Pipe (6)	106 0
Tata Power 1961	103 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 11
New Victoria Mills	2 8
New Victoria Pref.	5 0
Phalton Sugar (8) XD	120 0
Gold Mohur (20)	280 0
New Kaiser-Hind	360 0
Saljaa Mills (20)	135 0
Laxmanasami Mills (10)	300 0
Asam Jahi Mills (10)	340 0
Air Service XR	5 12
Air India	102 0
Hind Motor	4 14
Indian Steam	8 11

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE
BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

Tata Ordinary 293/8 Tata Deferred 1607/8 Indian Iron 23/8 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 21/2 Bombay Dyeing 940 Central India 236/4 Crosik 276 Kohinoor 276/4 Simplex 177 Swadeshi 277/8 Tata Power 1515 Associated Cement 151/4 Belapur 220 Bombay Burma (Old) 276/4 Scindia 18/10 Central Bank 87 New India 63/4 Tata 2nd Pref 137/8

CALICUT MARKET
CALICUT, Feb. 17.

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GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Feb. 19.

The local bullion market was very steady today with further demand and prices moved up. Quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	188 14 0
Ready Gold	118 12 0
Sovereigns	76 2 0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

The produce market was fairly steady with increased demand for groundnuts as the ban on oilcake is removed. Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 134/7 and after advancing at Rs. 134/12 steadied at Rs. 134/10. Groundnuts were firm and linseed was steady.

Quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS—	
Khandesh quality	35 10 0
Coromandal	35 4 0
Bold ready	34 13 0
Bold Feo-March	34 13 0
Bold April-May	35 3 0
CASTORSEEDS—	
May delivery	134 11 0
Ready	28 8 9
LINSEEDS—	
Ready	26 4 0
Feo-March	26 2 0
April-May	26 4 0
GROUNDNUT OILS—	
Ready receipts	20 4 0
February	20 0 0
March	20 1 0
April	20 2 0
Linseed Oil	15 12 0
Castorseed oil first pressing	19 0 0
Castorseed oil Commercial Quality	17 8 0
Gingellyseed	225 to 230

ART SILK YARN
BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

150 D February	3 3 6
150 D March (200 lbs)	637 0 0
150 D Ready	3 3 6
120 D Ready	3 9 0

Delhi Spices Market

DELHI, Feb. 16

(Rates per Md. of 85 lbs) (By Banshidhar Kurlamal, Gadodia Market Delhi) Delhi, Feb. 16 Chillies 77 Pepper 157, Cloves 72, Ajwan 14, 28, Cardamom big 75, Supari 80, 92, Coia 55, 60, Katori 52/59, Turemrie 55, 60, Khus root 30, 35.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

The following is the statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 11th February.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
CAPITAL :—	
Reserve Fund	5,62,50,000
	6,27,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Saving Bank, Current other Accounts	272,02,11,000
Sundries	80,70,000
ASSETS	Rs.
	Rupees 284,72,81,000
INVESTMENTS :—	
Government Securities	121,50,28,000
Other Authorised Investments	9,15,03,000
ADVANCES :—	
Loans	32,17,11,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	69,25,51,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,91,35,000
Dead Stock	1,56,01,000
Sundries	1,30,55,000
CASH :—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	35,99,71,000
Balances with other Banks	7,87,16,000
	Rupees 284,72,81,000

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

2 1/4 per cent 1954	98 8
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100 4
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99 14
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96 15
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99 7
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99 1
2 3/4 per cent 1976	97 14
3 per cent non-terminable	98 11
3 per cent 1968 Con.	98 11
3 per cent 1949-52	100 8
3 per cent 1951-54	101 6
3 per cent 1953-55	101 7
3 per cent 1957	101 5
3 per cent 1959-61	100 14
3 per cent 1963-65	99 14
3 per cent 1966-68	98 12
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104 10
3 per cent 1970-75	100 0
4 per cent 1960-70	110 10
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	112 0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-58	115 4
PROVINCIAL LOANS.	
2 3/4 per cent U P 1961	98 2
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	98 2
3 per cent Punjab 1949	98 8
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100 12
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 12
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 10
3 per cent U.P. 1954	100 8
3 per cent C.P. 1962	100 8
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	99 10
3 per cent U.P. 1961-66	100 0
4 per cent Bombay Municipality	110 8
5 per cent Bom. Muni. 1959	114 0
6 per cent Bom. Muni. 1954	115 0

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

MILL
Apollo 2-13
Bharat 32
B. Dyeing 942-8 41-4 45 38-12 40
C. India 238 35-8 36
Century 235
Colaba 144 45
Elphinstone Ord. 64 66 65
Finlay 272-8
Gokak 2278 79-8 77-8 79
I.U. Defd. 1-9-6 1-10 1-9-6 1-9-9
I.U. Ord. 11 11-1-6 10-15-6 11-1
Indore 172-8 75
Kohinoor 275-8 77-8 75 76
Laxmi 595
Minerva 123-12
Model 180
New City 200
New Great 160-8
Simplex 178 78-7 77
Swadeshi 275 77 76
Swan 310
Tata Mills 57-4
Vishnu 202-8
C. P. Rly 112-12

STEAMER
B. Steam 347-8
Scindia 18-11 18-12 18-8-6 18-11 18-10

BANKS
Baroda 138 38-4
Central 87-4 87-8 87
Central A New 85
Habib 179
Imperial Old 1862-8 55
Imperial New 461-4 60
India 197 97-8
Union 7-13
U. Commercial 58-8 58-12

ELECTRIC
Ahmedabad 120-10
Andhra Valley 1425 27-8
Hydro 153-8
Hydro Pref 123-2
Power 1515, 17-8 15
New India 62-8 63-4

STEEL
B. Steel 21-1 21-6 21-2
I. Iron 23-2 23-7 23-3 23-4 23-3
Tata Defd 1600 1598-12 1610 1600 7-8
Tata Ord 293 94-12 92-8 94-8 93-8
Tata 1st Pref 181-14 80-10 81-4
Tata 2nd Pref 137 37-12

MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock 275 72-8 75 72-8
A.C.C. Old 151-8 51 51-12 51-4
A.C.C. New 145-4 45
Belapur 219 20 18-8 20-8 20
B. B. Old 275 78-12 76-4
B. B. New 103-12
B. B. Petrol 1-8 1-12
B. I. Corporation 8-7
I. Bleaching 151
I. Copper 2-3-6
P. Construction 117 19 15 16-8
Tata Chemical 12-4 12-5 12-4
Tata Oil 64-8 65-4 65
Wimco 190.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

There was no business in the local cotton market and all contracts were nominaly quoted above Rs. 620.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May contract is 823 cents points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON
ALEXANDIA Feb. 16.

KARNAK Mar. 85.75—220
KARNAK May 82.75—190
ASHMOUNI Feb. 52.08—92
ASHMOUNI Apr. 52.26—115

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES HIGHER
SINGAPORE, Feb. 16

A rise of S$ dol. 5 per picul for Black Lampong and SSdol. 4 for White Muntok per picul of 133.3 lbs., FOB, was the feature in the Singapore market today. The rates quoted were SSdol. 180 and SSdol. 230 respectively compared with the previous quotations of SSdol. 175 and SSdol. 226 per picul.

Dealers, however, were unwilling to part with supplies due to the firm tendency of the market and in expectation of higher prices.—(UPA.)

Development Council For Clothing Industry

LONDON, (By Cable).—Steps are being taken to increase the efficiency of Britain's clothing industry still further. A Development Council is to be set up by the Government to advise on suitable measures and to act as a channel for communications between the Government and the industry.

The Council will consist of 18 members—six representing employers, six representing workers, one each for management and distribution, and four independent members, one of whom will be the chairman. All except the smallest firms in the trade will be required to register with the Council.—(London Press Service).

Britain Builds 583,000 New Houses Since The War

LONDON (By Cable). — About 3,250,000 people in Britain have been rehoused since 1945. New homes are being built at more than twice the rate achieved after the World War I. This is disclosed in the official housing returns just issued.

The total number of new houses completed since the war is now nearly 583,000. These are made up of about 426,000 permanent and 157,000 temporary dwellings. During last year over 227,000 permanent houses were constructed. This compared with 139,000 in 1947, 55,000 in 1946 and 3,000 in 1945.

The number of families who were able to move into new homes last year was more than 284,000. In addition, many more were temporarily accommodated in requisitioned houses and service camps. This excellent progress is to be further accelerated by a new Bill which comes before Parliament shortly. It will provide assistance to local authorities in converting large houses into flats.—(London Press Service).

DEVICE FOR LOCATING MACHINERY VIBRATION

LONDON, (By Cable).—Sources of vibration and noise in running machinery can now be traced rapidly and accurately by means of a new British invention—the "Wave Correlator."

With the new technique, based on the Wave Correlator, the cause of vibration can be determined as soon as the instrument is attached to running machinery. First, high quality wave analysers of a special type measure the component under investigation, separate it from the remainder and retain it as alternating electrical voltage. This voltage is then applied to the Wave Correlator which indicates directly and accurately the exact location of the noise or vibration.

This British invention has already been used with marked success at sea, investigating complex noise and vibration problems in geared turbine machinery. It is expected to be of equal value to manufacturers of running machinery of all types.—(London Press Service).

STERLING BALANCES

Joint Consultative Committee's Discussions End

During the Sterling Balances Discussion held in London in July 1948, it was agreed that an exchange of views should take place from time to time with the object of watching the working of the Agreement in all its aspects. The first meetings of Joint Consultative Committee have recordingly been taking place in New Delhi from the 7th to the 16th February, 1949 between officials of the Governments of India and the United Kingdom and have now concluded."

The discussions have covered a wide range of financial and supply matters, including a technical examination of the balance of payments questions, exchange control working and a survey of the supply position in both countries in respect of a number of scarce commodities, food, raw materials and capital goods. These discussions have enabled the two Governments to have a clearer appreciation and better understanding of each other's problems and are calculated to ensure the smooth working of the Agreement.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, Feb. 16.

Consols 2½ p.c.	£81-1/8
Conversion Loan 3½ p.c. 1961	£107-1/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960-90	£114-11/16
War Loan 3½ p.c. 1952 and after	£103-13/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg. (ex div.)	£101-1/2
National Bank of India	£39-1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,831.

LONDON WHEAT
LONDON. Feb. 16.

London Australian wheat fob bulk newcrop 96/- Feb-March.

LONDON BULLION
LONDON. Feb. 16.

Silver spot and forward	43-1/2 d
Gold bars fine per oz.	£ 8/12/3

N. Y. COTTON PRICES BOB UP AND DOWN

NEW YORK, February 16.

Cotton futures bobbed up and down over a range of one dollar and 35 cents per bale with alternate rallies and declines coming in quick succession regaining a measures of stability during the mid-afternoon session.

With the rally in grains, prices faltered again at the close when moderate hedge selling and liquidation found a technically vlunerable market. Overall activity slackened with ring observers estimating the sales around 250,000 bales.

Despite predictions, exports this season should rise 40 per cent over last year. Cautious traders kept mentioning that actual export business developed on a smaller scale than expected some time ago. Also despite assurances that the cotton scheduled for China would be shipped somewhere and that payments would be made to domestic shippers as originally planned, is developed that ECA may call a meeting shortly to decide what steps shall be taken to handle the disbursements.

The market opened four to 10 lower. After backing and filling within a range of 130 cents per bale the list rose to the day's best levels in the afternoon session as early sellers decided to cover as wheat prices bulged around four cents from the lows. A renewal of hedge selling and liquidation erased all of the gain in the last half hour closing the market net five to 15 lower.

NEW YORK COTTON
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

March	32.27—11
March Highest	32.49+11
March lowest	32.24—14
May	32.13—06
July	31.12—05
October	28.21—09
December	28.00—10
Middling Spot	33.48—08

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

March	32.23—15
May	32.11—11
July	31.08—09
October	28.13—17
Mid. Spot	32.40—10

N. Y. STOCKS RISE
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

Stock prices rose moderately on the New York Stock Exchange today marking the third consecutive session of advance. Trading was quiet.

All sections of the list joined the rise with gains mostly fractional but rail road stocks as a group were a bright spot on gains ranging to more than two points.

The sentiment in Wall Street continued to improve on a number of favourable corporate reports. Other wise there was nothing in the day's news to greatly influence the market but some Street sources attributed the rise to technical reasons because of last week's sharp break.

Stock sales amounted to 700,000 shares. Curb sales amounted to 170,000 shares. The turnover in bonds came to dol. 2,490,000.

Dow Jones average closing included: Industrials, 176.26; rails, 49.41; utilities, 34.41 and bonds 99.24.

Closing prices included:

Abbott Laboratories 72 1/4; American Radiator 13 5/8; American Smelting 49 3/4; American Telephone 146; American Tobacco 65 7/8; Anaconda 32; Bankers Trust 38 1/4; Bethelehem Steel 31 3/8; Boeing Plant 21 3/4; Canadian Pacific 13 3/8; Celanese 26 3/4; Chase National Bank 34 3/8; Chryaler 54; Consolidated Edison 22 1/8; Coty 3 1/2; Douglas Aircraft 52 3/8 Firestone Tyre and Rubber 42 7/8; General Electric 47 1/4; General Motors 36 3/8; Gillette 59 1/8; Goodyear 30; International Nivkel 41 1/2; International Tel and Tel 28 7/8; Lockheed 9 1/8; Nash Kelvinator 13 1/4; National City Bank 38 1/2; New York Central 10 3/4; Pennsylvania Railroad 16 1/4; Shell Oil 33 1/2; Southern Pacific 44; Standard Oil New Jersey 67 3/8; Studebaker 18 1/4; Swift and Co. 29 5/8; Twentieth Century Fox 20 1/4; U. S. Steel 71 7/8; Warner Bros. 10 7/8; Westinghouse Electric 23; Technicolour 11 3/4.

WORTH STREET TRADING MIXED
New York, Feb. 16

Worth Street trading was to-day featured by sporading business and mixed price changes. Buyers were wary about fluctuations in raw cotton and other commodities as well as stock market and in most cases limited purchases of spot and nearby deliveries.

The most in demand were print cloth and yarn fabrics, wanted by dress and sportswear manufacturers.

Government procurements slowed down regular consumer buying.

Brokers reported the recent request for bids on 380,000 bag sheetings moved slowly and Osnaburgs ruled inactive and generally unchanged.

Yarn producers were reported to be anxious to reduce inventories following reports of curtailed weaver and production schedules.

CHICAGO GRAINS ACTIVE
CHICAGO, Feb. 16.

Prices rallied briskly on the Chicago Board of Trade today with soy beans closing as much as four cents higher. Wheat and corn responded to the higher cash situation following the news of a one-cent increase in the wheat buying price at Kansas City. The rally was aided by complaints that melting snow in the Kansas sections had "droned out" some plantings and left the crop without the protecting snow blanket against the cold weather.

Closing prices included:

WHEAT

May	2.17-2.17-1/4
July	1.93
September	1.93-1/4-1/2
December	1.94-3/4

NEW YORK SEED PRICES
New York, Feb. 16

The following were prices of seeds on the New York market to-day:

Castorseeds dol. 115 nom per ton fob Brazilian ports,

Cottonseeds dol. 60 nom per ton Memphis basis,

Linseed dol. 6 per bushel, Minneapolis,

Linseed oil 27.6 cents per pound,

Groundnuts 17.50—.75 cents per pounds,

Grounnuts oil 16 1/2 cents per pound, asked.

NEW YORK SILVER
NEW YORK, Feb. 16

U. S. Steel Corporation	15-3/8
U. S. Price of Foreign Silver	71-1/2 cents

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, February 17.

s.s. JALA KANYA

From New York: 260 drums diesel fuel oil, 22 cases transformers, 57 cases machinery, 35 cases copper tubing, 3288 bags lithophone, 56 drums coal tar dyes, 27 drums caustic potash, 89 bags dextrose, 32 cases pumping sets, 324 cartons brake fluid, 1,570 drums caustic soda, 36 cases band saws, 127 cases textile machinery, 62 cases pharmaceutical products, 66 cartons tools, 28 cartons printing paper, 134 cases steel files, 21 boxes paper cutting machines, 34 cartons sen-sen, 22 cases aromatic chemicals, 50 cases parts of aircraft, 190 cases bottle caps, 177 metal containers electrolytic tin plate waste, 223 bundles books, 408 cases steel bolts and nuts, 25 boxes chemical, 22 cases chloral hydrate, 48 bundles potassium carbonate, 504 bundles ice cans, 33 drums lubricating oil, 307 bundles projector carbons, 600 cylinders empty for gas, 186 bags soda ash, 59 bundles electric motors, 34 cases medicines.

From Philadelphia: 70 drums transfermer oil, 40 drums petroleum residual oil, 2,045 drums lubricating oil, 142 drums high speed diesel oil, 39 cases ball-bearing, 22 skids tinplate waste 22 boxes grinding wheels

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

s.s. NETRAVATI

To Karachi: 50 bales cotton piecegoods Alimahomed Shariff 15 bundles Indian mussala, 10 bundles grass mats and 15 bundles coir mats and mattings—V. E. Salemohamed. 120 cases dye-stuff—Khatau Valabhdas & Co. 40 crates bidis—H. Chunilal. 100 cases glass tumblers—Moosa Umar & Co. 50 bags myrabollams—Gulam Mohamed Umar. 200 cases cigarettes—D. Macropolo & Co., Ltd., 10 zales cotton yarn—Sonarom Nehalchand. 11 bales cotton yarn—Surjansingh Kataraj. 20 crates glass lamp parts—Suleman Padamsi & Co. 10 cases sulphate of soda—M. Ebrahim, 7 cases caps—Ezra Sion & Co.

BY AIR

To Karachi: 65 parcels art silk piecegoods—Haji Mohd. Shah Mohd. 16 parcels art silk piecegoods—Ebrahim Kassam. 80 parcels art silk piecegoods—Haji Adamji Haji Karim, 6 parcels are silk piecegoods—Moosa Abdulla Tumbi. 4 parcels silk piecegoods—Ebrahim Kassam. 8 drums dyes derived from coal tar—Dyes Importing Co., Ltd.

S. S. JALMOTI

To London: 99 bales cotton rags and 108 bales Hosiery cuttings—The Overseas Hosiery Cuttings.

S. S. TREVETHOE

To Sydney: 26 bags gum karaya—B. Nazir & Co.

To Auckland: 26 bales cotton waste—Pandya & Co.

S. S. TURK'S HEAD

To Hongkong: 100 bales cotton waste—Volkart Bros.

To Singapore: 25 cases Red oxide paint—Elephant Oil Mill Ltd.

To Kobe: 1680 bales cotton waste—Chunilal & Co.

SS KHOSROU

To Aden—6 baskets—glass bangles—Mohd. Umer Chandbhoy, 6 crates—glass globes and chimneys—Aero Agencies, 25 bags Kapurgachli—Mohanlal Vandaram.

To Jeddah—10 c|s leather footwear—25 bales cotton waste, 10 c|s castor oil, 10 bags Turmeric Powder; and 5 c|s Mango pickles—Abdulabhai Abdulkadar, 10 c|s Mango pickles and 5 bales coir mats—Mohamad Umar Chandbhoy; 25 c|s Mango pulp—Pure Products Ltd., 50 bdls. Cassia—Hebatbhai Abdeali.

SS BARALA

To Muscat—32 bales cotton piece goods—C. Naraingi.

To Karachi—20 c|s Art silk piece goods—A.S.A.M. Vakil, 8 c|s Earthenware—Major L. Kalvoda.

SS LAMSTEKERK

To Rotterdam—256 d|s castor oil—Rallis India Ltd.

To Bremen:—165 bales cotton yellow pickings—Volkart Bros.

S.S. JAYABRAHMA

To Colombo:—53 bags cummin seeds—Indo-Overseas Export Co. and 102 bags cummin seeds—Rashid Jamshed Sons and Co.

S.S. TRAVANCORE

To Hamburg:—210 bales cotton waste—Sapt. Textile Products (India) Ltd.

S.S. ST. JAN

To Rangoon:—26 cases harmless medicine—The Chemical Industrial and Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

S.S. EXHIBITOR

To New York:—57 bags gum ghati and 86 bags gum karaya—Mepani Bros.

To Boston:—250 bales cotton waste—Champaklal and Co. and 19 bundles horns—Jagdish Narain Saxsena.

S.S. DWARKA

To Khoramshahr: Cotton piecegoods 8 bales—Sawhney and Co. and 4 bales—Overseas Impex Trading.

To Koweit: 55 cases writing tables and chairs—Messrs. Pestonji Jumaaji and Co

To Abadan: 12 crates rat traps—Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Ltd.

To Iraq: 12 crates plywood sheets—Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. Ltd.

CITY OF WORCESTER

To Liverpool: 35 casks-chutney—Merwanji Poonjiaji and Sons.

S.S. BARJORA

To Karachi: 30 cases reeling machine—Solarson and Co. Ltd.

S.S. UMARIA

To Colombo: 11 jottas jagree—J. Salebhoy and Co. 27 cases Indian drug—Dipchand and Co.

To Rangoon: 10 bags epsom salts—Mohanlal Gokaldas and Co.

To Mauritius: 43 cases alluminium utensils—Lallubhai Amichand Ltd.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

S.S. Pananiolga from Rosario S. Fe with wheat on Feb. 16.

S.S. Patrizia Fassio from N. Orleans with wheat on Feb. 16.

S.S. John A. Brown from Abadan with petroleum on Feb. 17.

DEPARTURES

S.S. Valentina Bibolini for Kossoir in ballast on Feb. 17.

S.S. Nicolaos Zografia for Bintang in ballast on Feb. 16.

S.S. Islami for Karachi in ballast on Feb. 16.

S.S. Tjipnas for Singapore in ballast on Feb. 16.

S.S. Trevanian for London with genl. cargo on Feb. 16.

S.S. Yorba Linda for Bahrein in ballast on Feb. 17.

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES HIGHER

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

A rise of another two cents per pound in all deliveries as well as the spot quotation marked today's session of the New York Produce Exchange as well as the ready market.

March, May and July/September rose four cents per pound during the past 48 hours.

On the Produce Exchange, potential buyers raised their bids to the full daily limit without attracting offerings. Unwillingness to sell was coupled with the strengthening of the spot situation.

Holders of spot Lampong Black raised their basis two cents overnight to 67 cents per pound and white pepper was sold at 95 cents in limited odd lots. Grain and other foods recoveries attracted attention, but market observers said the main price boosting stimulant came in a few and higher shipment offerings from India along with small afloat stocks plus limited supplies here in licensed warehouses.

Bearish traders contended the recent rise was based on "talk and had not been reflected in any increased buying interest.

Closing prices included, all bids: March 63 cents, May 57 cents, July/Sept. 52 cents, Oct. 47 cents, Dec./Jan. 46 cents.

In the spot market, black was quoted at 67 cents and white at 95 cents per lb.

LONDON PEPPER HIGHER

LONDON, Feb. 16 (UPA.) Malabar pepper today showed an increase in price with February being quoted at 335/0 sellers and March 330 sellers, but no buyers.

Trading was inactive with black lampong quoted unchanged at 3/3 and white at 4/3 but business was insufficient to test prices.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN FAMINE-STRIKEN AREAS

Co-ordination Of Scheme By Centre And Government Of Bombay

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 17.

It is gathered from official quarters that joint actions are to be taken by the Central Government and the Government of Bombay to perfect the scheme of food distribution in the famine-stricken areas of Gujrat. high officials of the Food Departments of the respective Governments, accompanied by the Collector of Ahmedabad District are going to tour the famine-stricken areas from 20th February to collect data.

In this connection it is further learnt that the aim of this proposed scheme is to evolve a machinery by which regular supply of foodstuffs and its distribution can be insured upto the coming monsoon.

LESS PRODUCTION OF KHARIFF CROPS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

India's production of khariff crop (rice and millets) in 1948-49 is estimated to be less than that of 1947-48 by about one million tons. The position of rabi crop (wheat, gram and barley) is yet to be determined.

In the year 1948, India imported 2-8 million tons of food grains while since January 1949 till now India received four and a half lakh tons of food from outside countries including America, Argentina, Australia, Burma, Siam and Russia. During the last thirty days India received about 45,000 tons of food from Burma.

Statement Of Cotton Pressed In Indian Union

RUNNING BALES

| Week ending 28th January. |

HOW HELP WAS RUSHED TO AKBAR CAMP

No Epidemic Of Dysentry But Only Nutritional Diarrhoea: Some Refugees Sold Rations To Earn Money

Conditions in the H.M.I.S. Akbar Camp for refugees have lately been the subject of exaggerated and alarming reports in a section of the Press. The Government of Bombay, who took over the administration of this and other camps in June, 1948, has carefully gone through these reports and investigated them thoroughly.

The facts are:

The inmates of the Akbar Camp, who total about 10,000 at present, originally belong to some of the backward villages in Sind and were the poorest among the population there. These unfortunate men, women and children underwent extreme hardships, sufferings and privation during their flight from Pakistan to India. Eventually, when they arrived in Bombay, their already poor health had been still further undermined. Unfortunately, many of the refugees did not realise the poor conditions of their health and allowed it to deteriorate it further by selling their own rations of foodstuffs, milk, clothing etc., to people outside the camp to earn easy money.

ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION

Stricter control and supervision over the distribution of rations and medical supplies for the refugees have been carried out, and two cases of alleged misappropriation of rations and medicines have been handed over to the Anti-Corruption Branch for investigation.

Formerly there was only one male doctor and one lady doctor in the camp. Now there are six male doctors, four lady doctors, 20 ayahs and 30 ward boys working hard to nurse 250 patients, who have been hospitalised in the Camp Hospital, back to normal health. Besides, there are 11 paid workers in addition to the normal staff working in the various centres that have been opened in the Akbar Camp. Five thousand sweet lemons (Mosambis), 1,500 lemons, 150 lbs. of tomatoes and 1,500 eggs were distributed daily among the patients in the hospitals in the camp recently. This quantity has been slightly reduced at the moment in view of the improving conditions. Fourteen hundred children and 2,500 adults in the camp are at present receiving an extra ration of milk. Besides, 40 lbs. of green peas, 80 lbs. of palak (bhaji), 150 lbs. of fish and 100 lbs. of motton are supplied to the hospital kitchen for hospitalised patients.

FIGHTING MALNUTRITION

A blood transfusion officer and a Nutrition officer are visiting the camp frequently and advising the Chief Medical Officer in treating the malnutrition patients. Shark liver oil is also being given to those suffering from mal-nutrition.

The caloric value of the food given to the members of the Akbar Camp is today, 2,290 as against 1,600 a few months ago.

Expert medical investigation has established the fact that there has been no epidemic of dysentery in the camp, but some of the inmates have been suffering from nutritional diarrhoea.

One of the chief difficulties in the way of the quicker improvement in the health of those suffering from mal-nutrition is the preference that some of the refugees give to the quacks, who profess to have remedies for any disease, and who exploit the ignorance of some of the inmates of the camps.

The Director of Relief and Rehabilitation has been visiting the camp daily for the last two months and taking every possible measure to bring about a speedy improvement in the health conditions of the camp. The Surgeon-General has visited the camp a number of times and the Chief Medical Officer as frequently as possible. Distinguished visitors in the last two months included Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Food Minister, Government of India, Dr. Choitram Gidwani, Mr. Meherchand Khanna, who got Rs. 25,000 from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the supply of food to the inmates of the Akbar Camp, the Minister of Health, Government of Bombay (twice), the Chief Secretary and the Premier of Bombay.

FODDER FOR CUTCH CATTLE

Three Steamer Companies Offer Free Transport

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (API), Arrangements are being made for alleviating the suffering of cattle in Cutch, affected by an acute shortage of fodder. Steps are being taken for the supply of fodder. Cattle are being immunised against Rinderpest and loans are being granted for the purchase of concentrates.

Nomadic breeders of cattle, who were previously willing to migrate with their cattle to places outside Cutch, are now reluctant to do so. They are therefore, being advanced loans against security, for purchasing concentrates at controlled rates. "Goshalas" are being subsidised for collecting and feeding abandoned cattle.

Four thousand tons of groundnut cake, supplied by the Governments of Bombay and Hyderabad are being sent quickly by two steamers to Cutch. Three shipping companies have offered a steamer each for the free transport of fodder and concentrates.

To encourage bringing more land under cultivation during the next season, money is being sanctioned for more water storage tanks and revenue remissions have been made on land under green fodder.

ENSURING REGULAR FOOD SUPPLY TO GUJRAT

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GUJERAT FAMINE RELIEF COMMITTEE DEMANDS

AHMEDABAD, Feb 16 (APL) A demand for more crude oil and cement to grow fodder for cattle has been made by the Gujerat Famine Relief Committee in a representation to the Government of India.

The Committee states that Ahmedabad district has received seven hundred tons of cement out of ten thousand tons allotted by Government.

Similarly, there is need for 1,50,000 gallons of crude oil for running one thousand five hundred oil engines out of which one thousand oil engines have already been installed.

Sufficient supplies of cement and crude oil should be made available within a month to be of use in the famine areas. The committee also demands a relaxation of restriction from Patiala and Bikaner where there is bumper crop.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Mr Kenneth Royall, United States Secretary of the Army, today persisted in his denial of statements attributed to him that America considered Japan valueless in the event of war.

ROLE OF SOCIALIST PARTY

Aruna Asaf Ali's Address At Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 16. (A.P.I.): Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali, the Socialist leader, addressing a public meeting here this evening said "the Socialist Party would re-enter the Congress if the Congress ceased to be the party of capitalists and became the party of peasants and workers.

The Socialist Party tried to come to a settlement with the Congress so as to be able to remain within its fold but it felt that it must come out of the Congress if it wanted to serve the country. The Socialist Party tried to win from communism the toiling masses, who were struggling in the face of information.

Congressmen were weakening the Congress by using political power for their own selfish ends. Congress leaders must give up offices and strengthen the Congress".

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17 (A.P.I.): The Calcutta police recovered last night a miniature steel cannon fitted with wheels, one rifle, 29 revolvers and a number of catridges from a house in Beniapukur police station.

Five persons including a woman and a police lorry driver, were arrested.

Bank Defrauded Of Rs. 2,50,000

BRANCH MANAGER SURRENDERS

Refused Bail And Remanded To Custody On Charge Of Misappropriation

BOMBAY, THURSDAY: A 42-YEAR OLD MAN, J. M. AMOSTA WHO SURRENDERED TO THE POLICE YESTERDAY AFTER REMAINING UNDERGROUND, ACCORDING THE POLICE STATEMENT IN THE COURT, FOR SIX DAYS, STOOD IN THE DOCK FACING HIS TRIAL BEFORE MR. K. J. KHAMBATTA, PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE, AT ESPLANADE COURT THIS MORNING, ON THE CHARGE OF ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION AND EMBEZZLEMENT OF AMOUNTS TO THE TUNE OF RS. 2,50,000 BELONGING TO THE JWALA BANK LTD., OF WHICH HE WAS THE BOMBAY BRANCH MANAGER FOR TWO YEARS SINCE 1946.

The Magistrate refused to grant bail to the accused and remanded him to the police custody till February 26.

Ramachandra Vithal Phadnis, described as a former employee of Jwala Insurance Company Ltd. and Shriram Mahadeo, a servant in a radio shop, who are alleged to have been associated with the accused have already been arrested by the police.

The police stated in the court this morning that the accused is alleged to have received a number of hundies and drafts on behalf of the Jwala Bank Ltd., in his capacity as its Bombay Branch Manager and encashed them for personal use without keeping any records of these transactions in any account books or ledgers of the Bank. He is stated to have had the general power of attorney from the Directors of the Bank for two years from 1946 to 1948.

The accused is also alleged to have drawn large amounts belonging to Jwala Bank Ltd., lying in other banks signing the cheques in his capacity as the Bombay Branch Manager and on the strength of his general power of attorney realised those amounts and misappropriated them for his own use.

When finally the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank informed the police, the accused is stated to have gone to the Barrister of the complainant and pretending to surrender to the police, got the necessary information from him regarding the case. The police further stated that he went underground for six days before he surrendered to them yesterday morning.

Quarrel Leads To Stabbing

BOMBAY, Thursday:

Laxman Reshav and Govind Dhaboo were arrested by the Byculla Police for assaulting and stabbing a neighbour following a quarrel on February 16.

The accused were ordered to be released on bail by Mr. S. B. Awar, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Court, today.

ACTIVITIES AGAINST GOVT. ALLEGED

BOMBAY, Thursday:

Anant Vinayak Joshi, Rasik Bhatt and Sastidas Bengali, said to be members of the Revolutionary Communist Party, were arrested by the Bombay C.I.D. under the Public Security Measures Act.

They are suspected to have been involved in certain subversive activities against Government.

Profiteering In Dalda Alleged

BOMBAY, Thursday:

Kantilal Gunwantrai Baxi, a storekeeper of Byculla was arrested yesterday by Crime Branch II, Bombay C.I.D. for selling Dalda Ghee at a rate higher than the controlled price.

The accused was produced before Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagon Court today when he was ordered to be released on bail.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.

Previous Closing	32.27
Today's Opening	32.25
Difference	—2
Today's Closing	32.25
Difference	—2

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

Silver Bullion Ready	Rs. 188 10
Gold Ready	Rs. 119 0
Sovereign	Rs. 76 4

EXPECTATIONS:

Cotton Jarila May Rs. 622-8.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Feb. 17

Cotton Ready Sind NT 90/8, Punjab 289, F 95, Four F 85, New Crop NT Roller ready delivery 89/8 to 90, Sawgin 94/8 to 95. Market quiet but steady with moderate demand.

Yesterday business totalled about 1423 bales, Arrivals from upcountry 5214 bales, Exports totalled 4777 bales, out of which 1693 bales for Bombay, 690 bales Shanghai, 625 bales Manchester, 600 bales Tut-corin, 385 bales Hamburg, 350 bales Liverpool, 246 bales Genoa, 186 bales Bremen.

Cottonseed NT Ready 8, Do. New Crop 8/12, Desi 11/14, Rapeseed 165, Market easy on account of slack of demand.

Yesterday arrival from upcountry 3945 mds., Exports totalled 11842 bags, out of which 8196 bags for Liverpool. Rest for Badibunder, Porbunder and Jodia.

Gold Tejabi 108 8, Sovereign 69, Silver Coin 124/8. Market quiet but steady.

Stock Exchange quotations unchanged.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)

HAPUR, Feb. 17

Wheat 32 to 29, Gram 16, Barley 19, 4, Bejhar 15/8, Maize 17/6, Bajra 17, Juwar 16/4, Guwar 11/12, Matar 13, 8, Arhar 13, 8, Urd 18/4, Moong 21 8, Masoor 15 to 16, Matar Jeth 12 8 6, Arhar 12-876, Sarson 23/12, Gur New 12/8, Shakkar 13/8, Crystal 29/8, Khandsari 20 to 29, 8, Oil 65, Oilcake 7/12, Cottonseed 14/12, Groundnut 18, Oats 10 8.

Bardana Ready 111, Chet 108/8, April 118, 8.

Silver Forward 184/5, Gold 18/4 Steady

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Feb. 17.

Rajkot Silver Pagan 189-12-0, Sugar Chaitar 91-12-0, Aranda May 134-8-

In Nature Of Post-Dated Cheque

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. G. V. Puranik, President Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, has issued the following statement on the Budget Estimates for the year 1949-50:—

"The salient feature of the Railway Budget is its surplus character It is a great relief that there are no increase in the fares and freight rates and this differentiates it from the last two. The so-called amenities assured for the III class passengers are at present only in the nature of a post-dated cheque given by the predecessor! I hope some concrete results will follow at least this year.

Railway lines, joining the main lines and some of the places in the West Coast between Bombay and Goa are needed. Government can well consider plans for these and start survey work. Part of the West Coast which is practically cut off in the monsoon (it being normally and served by sea route) demands immediate attention of the Railway Administration. To avoid disastrous experiences of the past, such lines are necessary both in times of peace as well as war.

Government deserve to be congratulated upon their determined efforts to push through their plans for the manufacture of locomotives at Chittaranjan."

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Better Trend With A Fair Turnover

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17, (A.P.I.): The market continued better round all sections and a fair turnover was put through.

Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent, Government Paper 98/6/6, Three per cent Loan 1986 98/12, Three per cent Loan 1951/54 101/3 sl., Three per cent Loan 1957 101/4, Three per cent Loan 1970/75 99/14 odd lot, Four per cent Loan 1960/70 110/8 s. lot.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 10/8, Elgin Mills 17/4.

COALS: Amalgamated 22/10 s. lot, Bengal Bhatdee 4/11, Bharat Colliery 7, Burrakur 12/7, South Karanpura 26/4.

JUTES: Hooghly Preference 17/3.

MININGS: Burma Corpn. 2/9, Indian Copper 2.5, Karanpura Development 24/12 small odd lot, Tavoy Tin annas eleven.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sone Valley Cement 6.6, Bathgate and Co. 4 small odd lot, Bengal Chemical 155 small odd lot, Calcutta Electric 20, Jesop and Co. 17/2, Steel Corpn. 21, New Asiatic Insurance 5/4, B.I.C. 8/6 (Cum Div.), Indian Wood Products 30/8 small lots, Jardine Henderson 160/8, British Burma Petrol 1/12, Indo-Burma Petrol 43, Northern India Oil 7/2 small odd lots, Orient Paper 20/11, Midnapore Zemindary 71 small lot, Assam Saws 6/14, India Steamship 8/13, Banarhat 305 s. lots, Bateli 12/15, Hudlibari 28/8, Kornafuli 23/12 ct., Namburnadi 8/4, New Samanbagh 36 ct., Sapoi 24/4 s. lot, Singell 70, Tenghpani 20 ct., Tezpore 21/14.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Tone Quiet

MADRAS, Feb. 17, (A.P.I.): Quiet conditions prevailed on the local market. Travancore Banks were lower at Rs. 77/8, Insurance, Electric, Sugars and Miscellaneous were neglected. Among plantings Cochin Malabar were firm at Rs. 4/6 while Highland Produce was less Rs. 1/4 at Rs. 19/12.

In the Textile section Ruckinghams turned sellers at Rs. 153.

Coimbatore shares however remained firm. The market closed quiet.

Following are closing quotations:—

SECURITIES: Government of India Three per cent Paper 98/4, Three per cent 1986 98/12, Three per cent 1953/55 101/7, Government of Madras Three per cent 100/1.

BANKS: Travancore 17/8.

ELECTRICS: Cochin State 7/9, West Coast 7/9.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 17, Travancore 8/12.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies 1/4, Blue Mountain 2/7/6, Chembra 4/10, Cochin Malabar 4/6, Midland 5/6, Ouchterlony 5/9, Devashola 18/2, Pullangode 1, Thirumbadi 2/6, T. R. and T. Co. 5/10, Waterfall 2/7.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 153, Ditto pref 191, Cambodia 8/14, Coimbatore C. 710, Lakshmi 63/8, Madura 43/4, Mettur 304, Ridhakrishna 137, Rajalakshmi 56/8, Ranga Vilas 44/4, Trav. Rayons 4/2, Trichinopoly 11/2.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64, F.A.C.T. 4/14/6, Mettur Chem. 7/11, Mysore Chem. Fert 6/14.

Commonwealth Telecommunications Board

LONDON (By Cable).—The British Government has now published a Bill preparing the establishment of a Commonwealth Telecommunications Board. Last year Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Southern Rhodesia reached agreement on telecommunications in the Commonwealth.

The main policy of the Board, which is to replace the Commonwealth Communication Council, will be to formulate and execute a joint policy for telecommunications, including the fixing of rates, and to develop and coordinate the cable and wireless systems in the Commonwealth, including matters affecting defence.

The new Board will consist of a chairman appointed jointly by the Governments concerned, one member from each of the partner Governments, and an additional British member to represent territories in the Commonwealth and Empire not otherwise directly represented.

Britain will make an annual contribution to the Board's expenses, estimated at first to be about £30,000 (Rs. 4 lakhs).—(London Press Service).

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 17.

It is reliably learnt that on 3rd March official announcement about Calico's dividened will be made. Mill authorities have already received permission for capital increase. In meeting of directors of Calico Mill to be held at Bombay on 24th instant final decision will be done about by way of distribution to shareholders.

Today the market rulled quiet but steady. Arvind attracted buyers in an otherwise quiet market. Closing quotations: Calico 1,227, Arvind 1,461, Ambika 389, Deffered 1,603, Atul 42, Jupiter 334, Bhalkia 154-6-0, Shorrok 562-8-0, Arun 653, Gujarat Cotton 13-8-0.

Marked Improvement In Nasik Municipal Affairs

NASIK, Feb. 17 (A.P.I.): All round improvement in the affairs of the Nasik Municipality has been recorded since it was superseded and placed under a Government Administrator in January last year, according to an interim report of the Administrator.

The report, which covers the first ten months of the Administrator's regime, says that collection of municipal taxes, which stood at over Rs. ten lakhs, mark nearly a doubling of the first ten month's collection of the year 1946.

Nearly eightyone per cent of the tax arrears has been recovered, the report adds.

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Banking Companies Bill Passes Third Reading

PARLIAMENT GRANTS IMMUNITY TO RESERVE BANK OFFICIALS FOR "BONA FIDE" ACTIONS

Prof. Shah Takes Role Of Prophet And Warns Government

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17. (A.P.I.): The Dominion Parliament today passed the Banking Companies Bill after five days consideration of its 56 clauses and about 200 amendments.

Designed for the purpose of consolidating and amending the law relating to Banking Companies in India, the Bill passed through two Select Committees before it was successfully piloted by Dr. John Matthai, the Finance Minister, at this session.

MAIN FEATURES

The main features of the Bill include: (1) The abolition of the Managing Agency system, (2) Prohibition of trading by banks, (3) Ban on banks' holding immovable property, (4) Requirements of minimum paid-up capital and reserves, (5) Restriction on Commission, brokerage on sales of shares and (6) Extensive powers to the Reserve Bank to supervise and inspect banks.

Opposition criticisms related mainly to non-inclusion of exchange banks in the purview of the Bill, absence of provisions relating to small banks and provision of power to the Central Government to exempt certain banks from the provisions of the act.

The Finance Minister in his speech said that the measure constituted substantial progress in forwarding banking in the country.

Resuming consideration of the Bank-ing Companies Bill, the Dominion Parliament discussed the Finance Minister's proposition for the inclusion of a new clause in the bill, seeking to give immunity to the officers of the Reserve Bank in respect of actions taken by them in good faith.

Mr. B. Das, continuing his unfinished speech, stated that although the Reserve Bank had been nationalised, he could not agree that every official of the Reserve Bank worked sincerely for the good of the country. He questioned the sagacity of giving them such wide immunity for their actions and urged the Finance Minister to withdraw amendment incorporating the new clause. If it became necessary he could bring it forward at a later stage.

WHY THIS SHIELD?

Pandit Lakshmi Kant Maitra said that in the present conditions the credit organisations in the country unfortunately had not been moving in the way in which they ought to move for the economic development of the country. Therefore, a case for wide powers was justified. But there was the other side also. They should seriously consider whether they would be really serving the best interests of the community by giving protection to officers of the Reserve Bank or to any persons purporting to act under a particular law and in the present case the banking law, even if they acted in good faith and with good intentions. No human institution was prefect, and they had to provide as best as they could against all possible contingencies. But that was entirely a different proposition from saying that the Reserve Bank should be clothed with such authority that it would ultimately become a sacrosanct body whose activities could not be questioned.

Mr. Maitra asked the Finance Minister whether he would be really serving the best interests of the community by providing such a 'shield' for all manner of people purporting to act under the provisions of the Bill, and suggested that the Finance Minister should make some changes in his statement.

BIG RESPONSIBILITY

Sir H. P. Modi, supporting the Finance Minister, asked how after clothing the Reserve Bank with great responsibility they could expect it to exercise its functions without a provision of the kind suggested by the Finance Minister. In the absence of such a provision, officers would have to watch their step every time they dealt with a particular bank or group of banks.

Shrimati Durgabai also supported the inclusion of the clause. A provision of this kind was absolutely necessary to safeguard the interests of any individual or body which was entrusted with the responsibility of discharging the functions with which the banking Bill would vest the Reserve Bank, she said.

PT. KUNZRU'S CRITICISM

Pandit Kunzru said that the Select Committee had not recommended the insertion of a clause like the one moved by the Finance Minister. It was not enough for either Sir Homi Modi or the Finance Minister to say that as the Bill was of a drastic nature such a clause was necessary, if the Bill was to be properly worked and that the officials of the Reserve Bank should be given immunity. The Finance Minister should tell the House the special reasons which had compelled him to bring forward such an amendment at the last stage.

> It was not the custom, even of the previous regime even when drastic measures were considered by the Legislature, to confer immunity in advance on the officials who might be concerned with the administration of such laws.

Usually, it had been the plea that such a provision was necessary only during a war or a rebellion or in emergencies. But today the National Government was asking for such drastic power even when the situation was normal.

Pandit Kunzru added: "We cannot allow the liberties of the people in any respect to be completely at the mercy of any class of functionaries. We are not prepared to revise our ideas of liberty and rights of people (hear, hear) or to grant every kind of power to the present Government, simply because it calls itself National. If we have a democratic legislature its object must be to control the activities of the executive. You cannot have a democratic legislature with an autocratic executive. Democratic legislatures are associated with democratic executives to control their actions and discretions."

Supporting Dr. Matthai's amendment, Mr. Krishnamurthi Rao said that under the act very wide powers had been given to the Reserve Bank and the Government of India. After the Banking Ordinance had been promulgated, the banking system in India had generally improved. If they did not give protection and indemnity to the Reserve Bank and Central Government officers, the provisions of the act would be nullified.

SURPRISED AT OPPOSITION

Mr Rohini Kumar Choudhry surprised at the opposition to the clause and pointed out that similar provisions had been incorporated in several other enactments like the Damodar Valley Act. Unless such a provision was made in the bill, the whole measure would be meaningless. He cited the case of a bank at Ajmer now in liquidation, which had filed a suit against the Reserve Bank and the Government of India. Popular criticism on the other hand had been voiced against the Government for not taking action against the bank earlier in the interest of the depositors. Mr. Sidhva said that the Reserve Bank was the National Bank of India and the Legislature had now full powers to keep a watch on the conduct of its officials.

Mr. Nasiruddin Ahmed, supporting the amendment said that it was a most necessary provision. What was sought to be given by the new clause was no additional power to the Reserve Bank or the Government, but protection to their officials for anything done in pursuance of the act and that too in good faith.

Mr. Rohini Kmuar Choudhry supported the principle behind the clause He was, however, opposed to the provision of protection against prosecution against the General Government and the Reserve Bank. He could not conceive of any contingency when a criminal action against the Central Government or the Reserve Bank might be necessary.

FINANCE MINISTER DEFENDS

Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, replying to the debate said that for some time the Bill was being considered by the Select Committee, he himself was in doubt whether it was right or necessary to have a provision of the kind. However reports had been reaching him, particularly with reference to the working of the Banking Ordinance, that people were contemplating bringing suits on frivolous grounds against the officers, who had taken action in pursuance of the ordinance. He had, therefore, decided that if the House was going to place heavy responsibilities upon the officers, it was necessary that they should be protected. Otherwise, the officers would not rather do anything, which would lead to embarrassing consequences. He appreciated the apprehension that an officer, who was a wrong-doer, might escape. On the other hand, it was necessary that officers who were honest and earnest must receive certain amount of potection, while discharging their duties. If that protection was not given it would mean that they were not only treating them unfairly, but were nullifying the provisions of the Act. Unless provisions of the kind were made, the Executive would be rendered completely impotent.

There was nothing unique about it, as similar provisions were incorporated in the Banking Legislations of many other countries. Further, the Damodar Valley Act and numerous other acts contained similar clauses, and he did not know why the House should give up the principle in this particular Bill.

Replying to Pt. Kunzru's enquiry why the Finance Minister did not think it fit to provide such clause earlier, Dr. Matthai said that he had the same kind of prejudice against the provision as Pt. Kunzru had, but certain matters were brought before him quite recently, which made it necessary for him to re-examine the question. He had, therefore, brought forward the amendment at this stage.

ASSURANCE TO HOUSE

Dr. Matthai added: "Certain suggestions have been made for modification of the clause. In view of the widespread apprehension that a provision of this kind may in its actual working result in serious abuse, I should like to give the House an assurance that I will carefully watch the working of this particular provision in the light of the discussions which have taken place in the House. If I find that in the actual working, consequences arise of the kind suggested I shall be prepared to re-examine the matter.

AMENDMENT PASSED

The Finance Minister also amended the clause by deleting the word "prosecution" and the House adopted the amended clause which reads as follows:—

> "No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Central Government, the Reserve Bank or any officer for anything which is done in good faith, or intended to be done in pursuance of this Act, or, save as otherwise expressly provided by or under this Act no suit or legal proceedings shall lie against the Central Government, the Reserve Bank or any officer for any damage caused, or likely to be caused, by anything done in good faith, or intended to be done, in pursuance of this act".

THIRD READING

Following the conclusion of the second reading of the Bill soon after the resumption after lunch, Mr. Tirumal Rao initiated discussion of the third reading.

Giving general support to the Bill, Mr. Tirumal Rao said that the Bill reflected the state of opinion in the country and the people appreciated the measure. It had to remedy certain defects, which the Banking Enquiry Committee had pointed out as contributory causes to the failure of a number of banking companies. He however, pointed out that if the Government wanted to canalise the banking system for the national interest they must bring in a comprehensive measure so that it might cover the entire banking activities in the country. The activities of commercial banks covered by the Bill extended to less than a third of the national income, he added.

SHAH RETURNS TO ATTACK

Prof. Shah pleading for rejection of the bill said that the bill was badly drafted, ill-conceived and inadequate.

The bill was in many respects, not at all equal even to the title it gave itself, because it neither consolidated nor amended banking legislation in the country. He had the greatest misgivings about the success of the bill. The house had no hesitation in giving all the trust that Dr. Matthai wanted to be given to the Reserve Bank, the Central Government and their officers. But as ever, Homer did wrong. It would not be too much to say tha Dr. Matthai inspite of his mature wisdom might err.

After criticising various provisions in the bill, Prof. Shah said:

> "This is a banker's bill for the bankers by the bankers through the bankers. I cannot possibly share the jubilations which the money bags will have after this bill is passed. I tried to take the House as far as I could go but the influence of the banking friends and their wisdom and their powers are so considerable that my voice remained lone, unsupported, melancholy and futile.

IN ROLE OF PROPHET

"In suggesting the changes I had the interests of the success of banking by securing the fullest trust of the country, the co-operation of the workers and the interest of the depositors so that banking in this country as the keystone of the economic arch, should flourish. I am afraid that is not acceptable to those whom I thought had a better vision. I may however, warn the Government that notwithstanding all efforts, you cannot stop light dawning upon the people some day. People will wake up. You are laying the foundation of your own destruction, if you do not listen to the voice of moderation. You are intoxicated by your present position and power. I have to say all this not only for the benefit of this generation but the generation to come. At the risk of being misunderstood I have to take this role. If you do not take the warning in time remember you will have to pay a heavy bill and when it comes it will be too late even for the thrice—born to save you."

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed suggested that banking legislation should not be treated as a measure for enforcing discipline but should be applied to smaller banks with caution and sympathy so that they might be able to stand on their legs. If the small banks required some assistance and some exemption from the rigours of the provisions of the bill they should be exempted.

He was in full agreement with the object of the bill and wanted banking companies of the country to be placed on a firm foundation.

Mr. Lakshmikant Maitra said that if the provisions of the Act were to be operated properly, effectively and efficiently, then the Finance Minister should drastically modify the Reserve Bank of India Act to suit the changed situation in the country and make itself suitable for the responsibility cast on it. If the Reserve Bank had to be developed in such a way its staff had to be substantially increased so that sufficient number of staff could be trained to cope with the work which the present bill envisaged for it.

Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhury referred to certain provisions which he contended would adversally affect the progress of small banks, particularly in Assam, and recalled various assurances given by Mr. Liaquatali Khan, former Finance Minister of the Government of India, in the then Legislative Assembly. He requested the Finance Minister to bear in mind the interests of the poor Provinces, to which he belonged.

The Finance Minister said that he would keep in mind carefully the various suggestions that had been made regarding the working of the bill, when it becomes law. He thanked the House for the patience and consideration which the members had shown him throughout the passage of the difficult bill and expressed the hope that the bill would mean a substantial progress in forwarding banking in the country.

The Bill was passed amidst loud cheers.

American Honour For Indian Major

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (A.P.I.): Major Dennis G. Francis of the Indian Army was decorated here today with the American "Legion of Merit"—degree of Legionnaire "on a citation signed by President Harry S. Truman for outstanding work connected with the Intelligence Services in Burma during the war.

Col. John W. Middleton, U. S. Military Attache of the American Embassy, presented the medal to Maj. Francis in a brief ceremony at his office.

EDUCATION MINISTERS TO MEET

NEW DELHI, February 17 A conference of Provincial Education Ministers and their advisers is being convened by the Ministry of Education Government of India, on February 19 and 20 in connection with the early implementation of basic and adult (social) schemes. It will be presided over by India's Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

YOSHIDA MEETS PRESSMEN

Pledges To Fight Communism

TOKYO, Feb. 16 (TPI-Reuter): Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, who formed a Coalition Government earlier today, pledged it to fight Communism and to put "vigorously and faithfully into practice the nine-point economic stabilisation programme for Japan announced in Washington last December

At a Press Conference, the Prime Minister thanked the occupying po-

wers for their "sympathetic understanding and magnanimous assistance".

He warned the Japanese people, however that they must resolve to rebuild their country without outside help if necessary.

Mr. Yoshida, Leader of the Democratic Liberal Party, is taking office for the third time at the head of a Government on which Japan's Communists strengthened by their gains in the —anuary election, have declared open war.

The Communists, their strength in the House of Representatives increased from four to 35 and their popular vote up from one million to three million, have begun to rally the left-wing labour forces. The Party's Secretary-General, Mr Kyuichi Tokuda said last month that Communists alone could effect Japan's economic rehabilitation.

"The nine-point economic programme announced in Washington is designed to "achieve fiscal, monetary, price and wage stability in Japan as rapidly as possible, as well as to boost production for export."

Acheson On Atlantic Pact

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (PTI-Reuter)—The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, told a press conference here that in Atlantic Pact discussions the United States was guided by 'clear expressions of policy" in President Truman's inaugural address and the Senate's famous "Vandenberg resolution."

Th resolution, introduced by Senator Arthur Vandenberg as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and adopted last June, favoured American military assistance under Western European mutual defence and regional arrangements

Asked about statements by Democratic and Republican Senate leaders that the United States should not undertake even a "moral obligation" to go to war, he said "there are no real differences in regard to the objectives this Government is seeking to accomplish,"

Sec. 144 On 93 Persons

PURI, Feb. 17 (UPI)—An order under Section 144 Cr. P.C. has been enforced on 93 persons, including Shri Nishamodi Khuntia, Secretary, Utkal Kisan Sangha, Shri Akulananda Behra, Secretary, Cuttack District Socialist Party, Shri Dhuruba Charan Sahu, pleader and some Socialist workers and Kisans, by the District Magistrate, Puri, in connection with a share-croppers' movement in Mangalpur area in the Puri district.

PARLIAMENT QUESTIONS

DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES NOT TO BE ABANDONED

But Expenditure Will Be Curtailed, Says Mathai

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (UPI).—The principal recommendations of the Priorities Committee, said the Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, replying to Prof. Ranga in the Parliament today during the question hour, were that the amount available to Central Government Ministries for development and allied schemes included in the budget for 1948-49 and the grants and loans available to the provinces for the same purpose in 1948-49 should be substantially reduced and that provisions on a reduced scale be made for 1949-50 as well.

Asked what developmental schemes were unaffected and which had to be postponed or abandoned as a result of its recommendations for this year as well as next year, the Finance Minister said that no developmental schemes were being abandoned but suitable adjustments were being made in the speed of implementation of the projects.

Sardar Patel told Prof. K. T. Shan that civil stores of the value of about Rs. 1,24,78,500 had been supplied by the Government of India to the Jammu and Kashmir Government.

Asked whether any tender was called for the supply of such stores the Minister for States said that in some cases tenders were invited. In others orders were placed on approved firms at the approved rates against existing rate contracts, or were supplied from disposals. Occasionally, when the demands were very urgent either direct purchases were made, or supplies were arranged from Government of India stocks.

Sardar Patel added that of this amount, Rs. 7,62,000 was the cost of stores supplied on "aid to Kashmir" which was to be treated as a loan to the State. Of the balance of Rs. 1,17,05,900, including supplies of foodgrains and salt, Rs. 19,42,100 had been recovered from the state and the remainder was in the process of recovery.

Sardar Patel in his capacity as Home Minister informed Mr. Sidhva that the Special Recruitment Board received 16,850 applications for the I. A. S. and the I.P.S. of them 1038 were interviewed by the board upto 31st January 1949 and further interviews were proceeding. As selections for candidates depended on positions obtained by them in the final list, he said, he was not in a position to give correct number of selected candidates. Candidates numbering 16 for the I.A.S. and 25 for the I.P.S. had, however, been informed of their appointment to those services as an interim measure. No woman candidate had so far been offered appointment either to the I.A.S. or to the I.P.S.

I. A. S. AND I.P.S. SERVICES

Mr. Anthony—Does the policy of control over the I.A.S. and the I.P.S. by the centre continue to be the same? Sardar Patel —Yes.

Q. Are people from Indian states treated at par with the people from provinces as regards appointments to the I.A.S. and the I.P.S.?

Ans—Not yet.

Q. What is the total number of appointments expected to be made in these services?

Ans—The number of vacancies in all the nine provinces at present are estimated to be 251 for the I.A.S. and 293 for the I.P.S.

Mr. R.R. Diwakar, Minister of State for information and Broadcasting informed Mr. Sidhva that the total cost of producing all the publications published by the Ministry of Information and broadcasting was estimated to be Rs. 19,21,996 in the year 1948-49. The amount spent on publication of Hindi and Urdu magazine during the same period was Rs. 3,87,511/- and Rs 2,29,551/- respectively.

The Finance Minister told Mr. Mukut Behari Bhargava that the total amount of currency notes that were in circulation in 1940 was of the value of Rs. 241.25 crores, and Rs. 1188.20 crores for the week ended 31st December 1948.

The Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh informed Pandi Mukut Bihari Bhargava that no infiltration of Baluch troops of the Pakistan army in East Punjab as such had been reported, Members of the Baluch regiment, had, however, occasionally fired at our villagers. Casualties on this account were negligible.

Asked about the steps that Govt, had taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents the Defence Minister said that Govt. had taken all possible steps in this direction but it would be appreciated, he added, that it was not always possible to prove minor raids across a frontier of this length.

PRIVY PURSES OF RULERS

The Minister for States, Sardar Patel told the House that as a general rule privy purses were calculated on the basis of 15 p.c. on the first lakh of the revenues of the state, 10 p.c. on the next four lakhs and 7-1/2 p.c. on the balance subject to a maximum of 10 lakhs of rupees. In some, cases, he said, exceptions were made, but they applied only for the lifetime of the present rulers and the question of fixation of their privy purses of their successors was yet to be settled. The privy purses fixed for the Maharaja of Gwalior was Rs. 25 lakhs and for the present Maharaja of Indore Rs. 15 lakhs. The privy purses for the Ruer o Bilaspurs' and Baroda had not yet been fixed, he said.

Asked whether the popular representatives were consulted in fixing the privy purses the Minister for state said that as far as possible the popular leaders were consulted in the matter.

Replying to a supplementary question Sardar Patel denied the report that the privy purse for the Nizam of Hyderabad had been fixed at Rs. 1 crore.

Q.—Is it fact that some Ruler left only annas five and nine pies in the Treasure when the state was integrated?

Sardar Patel—Amidst laughter replied, "all the Rulers have not equal balances."

The Home Minister informed Pandit Mukut Bihari Bhargava that the publication of two papers was banned in Delhi, entry of two papers into Delhi was prohibited and three presses were sealed or seized in Delhi for helping the R.S.S. movement.

Replying to a supplemenary question Sardar Patel said that Government had no intention of returning the presses seized in connection with the R.S.S. movement. Sardar Patel said about 461 persons were on the black list of the 15th August 1947 debarring their entry into Government services because of the political activities. The list had since then been revised and names of 308 persons have been struck off from that list.

HOW CUTCH IS GOVERNED

A.P.I. adds:—

In reply to Prof. K. T. Shah, the States Minister said that Cutch was being governed as a centrally administered area and the present intention was that the arrangement should continue for the time being. A representative Advisory Council was being constituted for Cutch, and it was hoped it would begin to function before the end of the year.

To further questions the States Minister said that the Chief Commissioner and Judicial Commissioner were appointed by the Central Government. Other officers were appointed by the Chief Commissioner or by other appointing authority, subordinate to the Chief Commissioner, with the approval of the Central Government where necessary. Under the agreement with the ruler, such of the former permanent perly qualified servants as were properly qualified were being continued.

Prof. Shah: Was the Chief Commissioner there a member of the I.C.S., against whom the previous regime took disciplinary action amounting to dismissal and if so what amends had he made?

Sardar Patel: Action was taken against him many years ago and the Provincial Government under which he was serving had revised that order.

Replying to supplementaries, Sardar Patel said that he was not aware of the details of the case, but the Provincial Government had revised the order before his appointment.

Mr. R. L. Malaviya asked whether Government had issued any directions to the Government of the Central Provinces and Berar with regard to the goverance of the integrated Central Provinces States.

Sardar Patel said that the member was presumably referring to the directions to be issued under Section 290A of the Government of India Act. Orders under that section were being drafted in consultation with the Provincial Government. He did not think it was necessary to consult representatives of the Chattisgarh States in this regard Government would expedite the passing of the orders.

In a written reply, the Home Minister informed the House that Government had issued instructions that the inscription "O.H.M.S." on envelops should be replaced by "On Indian Government Service". They would come into force when the existing stocks of envelops with the inscription "OHMS" was exhausted.

The Health Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur replying to Mr. V. C. Kesava Rao said that it was not possible at present to give any definite opinion regarding the effects of prohibition on health areas where it had been introduced.

Sir H.P. Mody: Has the health of the population suffered on account of prohibition? (Laughter).

In reply to Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta the Health Minister said that Government had not framed any policy in regard to Prohibition in Delhi.

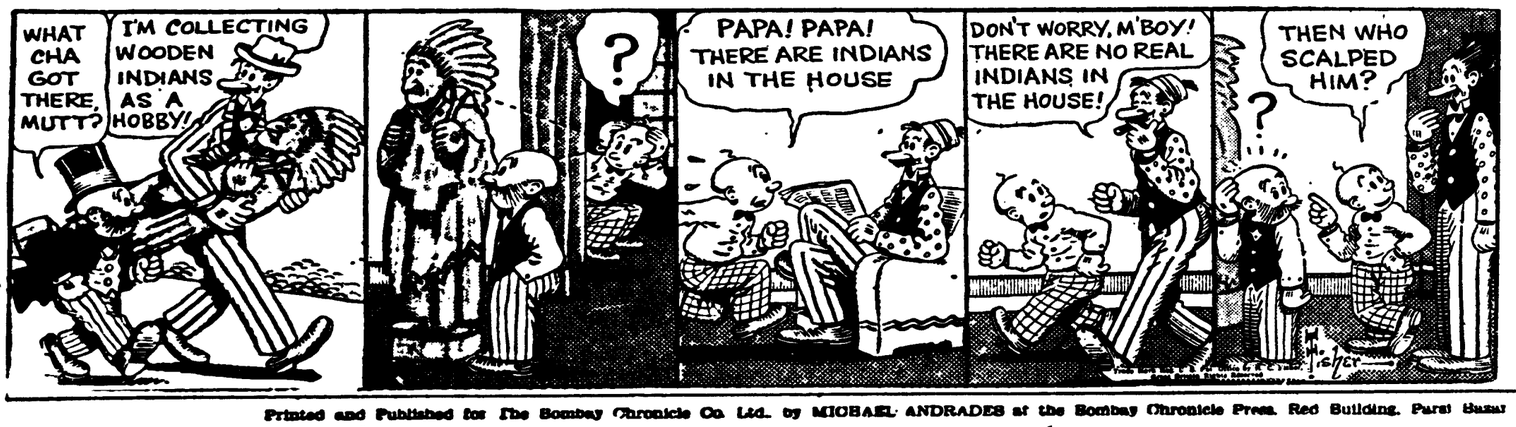
ENCOURAGING SANSKRIT STUDIES

The Education Minister, Maulana Azad, in reply to Lala Raj Kanwar said that the Government of India realised the importance of the study of Sanskrit boh from the historical and cultural points of view. Government had set up a University Commission which would, among other things, also consider the question of Sanskrit studies at the University stage. Government would take necessary action in the matter after receipt if the report.

Government gave financial grants to four institutions for the study of Sanskrit. They were: Oriental Institute, Poona, Rs. 11,000, Prachyavani Institute of Oriental Learning Calcutta, Rs. 1,000, Deccan College Poona, Rs. 8,000, Dharmkosha Mandalwai, Satara, Rs. 2,000, The Government of India also proposed to give a grant of rupees 25,000 to the Gurukul University Kangri.

LISBON, Feb. 16 (PTI-Reuter): Six prominent supporters of General Norton de Matos, Opposition candidate who withdrew from last Sunday's Presidential election, have been arrested as "communist elements involved in subversive and revolutionary attempts."

MUTT AND JEFF—Listen Boys and Gals—Remember The Old Cigar Store Indian? By BUD FISHER


WHAT CHA GOT THERE, MUTT?
I'M COLLECTING WOODEN INDIANS AS A HOBBY!
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PAPA! PAPA! THERE ARE INDIANS IN THE HOUSE
DON'T WORRY, M'BOY! THERE ARE NO REAL INDIANS IN THE HOUSE!
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THEN WHO SCALPED HIM?

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